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Welcome for new president

THE eyes of the world were on President Obama yesterday and Milton Keynes was no exception.

At one gathering in the Ramada Hotel, people came together to watch his inauguration.

Navrita Atwal, director of the Milton Keynes Equality Council said: "I think it's a world achievement. It's something people dream about. It's going to have a knock-on effect on everything."

Pastor, Rev Charles Buckman, said: "This will inspire young black people. The world will never be the same again."

Countec workers Arlindo Camacho and Tom Bulman, proudly wearing an Obama badge, said witnessing the inauguration with others 'felt like you were at the speech'.

Navrita Atwal is joined by former MK Council chef executive John best and other guests at the Ramada Encore to watch the inauguration of Barack Obama yesterday

Parking plans blasted

BY LAURA HANNAM
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SHOPPERS in Milton Keynes have said a defiant 'no' to plans to increase parking charges in the city centre.

A survey of visitors at thecentre:mk this weekend has revealed that 82 per cent of shoppers are against Milton Keynes Council's proposals to increase car parking charges to raise more than £3million for public transport.

The research was carried out by the Milton Keynes Shopping Centre Association (MKSCA), which represents over 200 retail and service outlets, including restaurants, in thecentre:mk and the Food Centre.

More than 1,000 shoppers were surveyed on Saturday and Sunday, with 83 per cent being regular visitors to Central Milton Keynes.

Seventy-nine per cent of shoppers weren't aware of the proposed increase in car park charges and once it was explained 82 per cent were against them.

As revealed in MK NEWS last week, the proposals, which will be discussed by the council's cabinet committee tonight include increasing premium rate parking from £1 per hour to £1.20 and the standard rate from 25p to 35p per hour.

Nearly 7,000 free spaces across the city centre will be scrapped and an 'economy' rate of 25p per hour will be charged.

A workplace parking levy on businesses could also be introduced and a 0.5 per cent rise on council tax specifically for buses is proposed, equating to an increase of 10p a week or £5.28p a year for the average Band D property.

Alison Borrett, manager of Waitrose in the Food Centre and deputy chairman of the MKSCA, said: "The proposed increase in car parking charges has come at such a difficult time for retailers in Milton Keynes, leaving the tenants association in a state of shock at the proposals.

"What's incredibly telling is that our customers agree with us; anecdotal evidence from the research reveals that many shoppers come from the region surrounding Milton Keynes and they are attracted by the cheaper rates of car parking.

"Given that this research has highlighted both the lack of awareness and support on this issue, Milton Keynes Council must put this out to consultation."

The council's transport boss, Cllr Douglas McCall, said details of a consultation would be agreed at tonight's cabinet meeting if the proposal is passed.

"I realise that the majority of people don't like to pay more for anything, but you must remember that parking charges haven't been increased since 2005," he said. "The premium rate that shoppers tend to pay is going up by the minimum possible – 5p per 15 minute charging unit, as this is the smallest coin accepted by the parking meters.

"We are making major improvements in our road network, but ... we must offer other options of travel. This means improvements to the buses funded by these increased parking charges."

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What you think about parking plans

Lindsay Prosser
Works in Midsummer Place
"It will mean we have to pay to work, which is ridiculous.
"The free parking around here is already difficult to get; it is first come first served and if you don't get here at 8am you won't find one."

Lindsey Steedman
Works in the city centre
"I got a parking ticket last week in a place that used to be free parking.
"It will put people off working in the city centre and shopping here.

Ben Clements
From Neath Hill
"It wouldn't directly affect me as I don't drive; I walk to work at Game in the city centre.
"I think it could be a good thing as it will encourage more people to walk."

Tina Bykowski
From Bradwell Common
"I think it will have a big impact on people living near the shopping centre as people will park on residential roads and walk into the city centre to avoid paying.
"I have never got to grips with buses in Milton Keynes as the bus stops are too spread out.
"I do not think people would use them more if they were improved as we are creatures of habit."

Mark Bevan
Regulary attends business meetings in Milton Keynes
"I have just paid £5 to park. You can never really find any free parking during the day when I come in as every cheap space is taken.
"The price rise is more than inflation; I am not exactly happy about it."

Nevia Joseph
"I use the free parking every week to get food or shopping.
"I think it will affect me as I won't be able to afford to anymore.
"I will go to places like Tesco now as the parking is free."

Cllr Norman Miles
Leader of the local Labour Party
"The key issue is that we do not impact people's ability to afford to go to work and do not discourage people from using shops and businesses."

Mr P Tyler
Sent this by e-mail
"What utter rubbish to spend more money on buses. I use them to get to work in the city centre. They are always spending money and still it is a rubbish bus service. It takes me 30 minutes or longer to the city, or 10 minutes by car and I can carry more shopping.

Sophie Dackombe
Sent by e-mail
"I would be more than happy to consider using public transport as a means of getting to work. But currently this is not an option as either I would have to go via Bedford, which would take over one and half hours, each way or only work on a Thursday between 10.30 and 4pm. Will longer bus journeys be considered?

Vicki Shepherd
Sent by e-mail
"Are they going to ensure that the buses actually run on time and that the buses are maintained?
This whole survey taken seems to be centred around 22 residents, are they not asked to consider people who live outside the area who have to travel already by car to get to work

Paul Bartlett
Fom Stony Stratford
"A marginal increase in the CMK parking charges will not make a bit of difference to the take up of spaces. MK car parks are as busy now as ever they were long before any charges were introduced.
What has altered, is the money raised has supposedly been used to improve public (ie bus) transport.

Jennifer
Sent by e-mail
"Increasing parking costs in the centre and abolishing the free parking will put increased pressure on our already strained local businesses and particularly on low-paid workers. In the difficult times we are currently facing this is irresponsible and short-sighted."

Theo Chalmers
Of Urban Eden, which aims to promote a sustainable extension of the original master plan for Milton Keynes, said it would be 'grossly unfair' to make people pay more before public transport is improved.
He said: "Taxpayers money should not be pumped into buses but into an original solution for the city, such as a mass transit system as was envisaged in the original master plans."

■ **What do you think about the parking plans?**
E-mail the newsdesk at:
editor@mk-news.co.uk
with your thoughts

Hospital worker died attached to drip

A MEMBER of medical staff at Milton Keynes Hospital has been found dead at home attached to an intravenous drip.
Gareth Hancock, 32, from Devereux Place, Leadenhall worked in the hospital's operating room as a senior theatre practitioner, assisting with anaesthetists.
An inquest, opened on Thursday, heard his colleagues raised the alarm after he failed to turn up for work on Monday, January 12.
He was found at home that day, fully clothed and attached to an IV drip believed to contain 'certain medicines'. He was confirmed dead at the scene.
His family said he had no psychiatric history and that his death was a shock.
The full inquest was adjourned until July.
Nicola Lester, core clinical services divisional manager at Milton Keynes Hospital, said: "We are saddened by the loss of a popular and valued member of staff and our deepest sympathies are with the family."
Mr Hancock worked in the operating theatre since 2001.

Not guilty pleas to indecent chanting

A MAN and a 13-year-old boy have pleaded not guilty to indecent chanting at a football match.
Ian Trow, 48, of Kingshill Drive, Deanshanger and the boy, from Milton Keynes, who cannot be named for legal reasons, appeared yesterday at Portsmouth Magistrates' Court for alleged racist and homophobic chanting.
Both denied the charges which relate to chants aimed towards Portsmouth defender Sol Campbell during the match at Fratton Park against Tottenham Hotspur on September, 28, 2008.
Eleven men appeared in court over the charges.
Four men admitted to indecent chanting and have been handed three year bans, while seven, including three juveniles, pleaded not guilty.
A trial for the defendants who pleaded not guilty is due to start on May, 13, at the same court.
Elsewhere, Ashley Hannam, 20, from Cambridge Street in Bletchley, has been given a three-year football banning order after assaulting a steward. He was also ordered to pay £405 in fines, costs and compensation by Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court yesterday.
He pleaded guilty to common assault at an earlier hearing, after he was arrested for headbutting a steward while being ejected from the Milton Keynes Dons home match against Scunthorpe on December 6.

I think what I have seen here today is impressive in terms of the commitment that there is locally

– Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Hazel Blears

BY LAURA HANNAM
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GOVERNMENT minister Hazel Blears has hailed the city's new university centre as 'a seed from which great things will grow'.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government officially opened the University Centre Milton Keynes (UCMK) at a ceremony on Monday.

After a tour of the newly refurbished building, funded by Milton Keynes Partnership with £7.3million, she praised the 'fabulous' state of the IT equipment and other facilities.

In a speech to a host of civic figures and business representatives, including the city's two MPs and the mayor, she said: "In the global economy now nothing is more valuable than knowledge.

"Education is and always has been the key to helping people fulfil their potential and also now crucially it is the key to making our country compete on the world stage.

"I have been lobbied very hard today for an undergraduate university, which I think would be the next natural step for a city with ambitions to be one of the best places in the country to train, live, work and raise a family."

She told MK NEWS that the city has submitted a 'very interesting' bid to have full university status.

"There are 27 bids at the moment that are being considered by the Higher Education Funding Council and it will be for them to make the decision," she said.

"But I think what I have seen here today is very impressive in terms of the commitment that there is locally from all the education partners and the fact it is a collaboration by universities, the college, local business and the Milton Keynes Partnership; I think that is a very strong base."

Based in the business district at 200 Silbury Boulevard, UCMK welcomed its first students in September and already has 500 people studying a range of Foundation Degrees and other professional qualifications.

City GCSE results are still 'not good enough'

GCSE results in Milton Keynes have moved closer to the national average but are 'not good enough', say councillors.

League tables released last week have revealed a 10 per cent rise in the number of Milton Keynes students achieving the equivalent of five or more A* - C grades at GCSE.

The city's students have achieved a pass rate of 62.2 per cent, compared with 52.1 per cent in 2007 when it was 9.9 per cent below the national average.

The local authority is still 3.1 per cent below the current national average and opposition councillors have said schools need to get better.

Every Milton Keynes secondary school has seen an increase on their previous year's pass rate of students achieving at least C grades in any five subjects.

Lord Grey's figures improved by 13 per cent, Ousedale by 5 per cent, Shenley Brook End by 1 per cent, St Paul's by 6 per cent, Denbigh by 8 per cent, Walton High by 6 per cent and Stantonbury by 5 per cent.

Schools in special measures have also outperformed last year's results, with Sir Frank Markham improving most of all city schools by an increase of 29 per cent.

The Radcliffe School improved by 15 per cent and Leon by 6 per cent. However, these three schools still failed to meet the Government's target of 30 per cent of pupils achieving A*-C at GCSE including English and Maths.

Conservative Cllr Andy Dransfield said the city's overall results only look positive in relation to two years of 'awful' performance.

"If you look at achievement including English and Maths we are 5.5 per cent behind the national average, in 2005 we were 4.4 per cent so we are actually getting worse," he said.

Lead member for Children, Cllr Sandra Clark, said: "The validated results show we are making great strides every year and substantially narrowing the gap between ourselves and the national average.

"These are great results for the city, but we are not complacent.

"Raising school standards is a priority for us."

Found dead: Gemma Sisley

Man pleads not guilty to murder

A MAN has pleaded not guilty to the murder of a woman from Milton Keynes.

Jason Burrows, 34, admitted the manslaughter of his former girlfriend, 22-year-old Gemma Sisley.

His plea hearing took place at Luton Crown Court on Monday.

The victim, from Holland Way in Newport Pagnell, was found dead at Mr Burrows' home in Milton Road, Broughton in October.

He was remanded in custody until his trial begins on June 29 at Luton Crown Court.

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Boredom to blame

SIR – Re 'MK's top cop on violent crime in the city', MK NEWS last week.

Having lived on Stantonbury for 34 years and seen this estate decline into a high crime area and not seeing any police here at all it beggers believe.

We know the reason why – boredom.

The kids have nowhere to go and nothing to do .

I have two friends that are trying to do something about it by putting on a Subbuteo tournament in the church hall on February 7.

The only fee they are charging is £4 to cover the cost of the hall. The prize is a Subbuteo game and all costs of the equipment is coming out of their pockets.

All the players will get a small gift, again paid for by Ian and Andy.

But can they get any support? No.

The campus, the police and the council don't care.

Grace Quinn
Seny by e-mail

No poo please

SIR – No dog or horse poo allowed!

There is lots of poo on the pathways near to my school and other schools. Some children walk in it. It smells disgusting.

We don't want it on our shoes. People who own dogs and horses – pick up the poo!

Sarah Spicer and her six-year-old daughter Grace
Twinflower, Walnut Tree

Missed the post

SIR – Thank you for publishing my letter last week regarding MEPs.

I sent a copy to the MEPs involved and one of the Conservatives, Richard Ashworth, has now reminded me that I did get a full response.

I'm afraid I wrote to you in haste and in anger after attending the demonstration in London on Saturday

Georgina Baidoun
Sent by e-mail

Feeling fine

SIR – Re 'Council makes 50 bankrupt as it chases council tax cash', MK NEWS January 14.

When I returned from a holiday over Christmas, I had received a court summons from Milton Keynes Council over one month's payment of council tax of £87 I was late with, accompanied by a £57 fine.

Had the council chosen to phone me and speak with me, I'd have been happy to pay there and then with my debit card, never having had any intention of avoiding payment.

I suppose they would have lost out on £57 though.

Does this give you the impression of an organisation that will take legal proceedings as a last resort, as suggested by the council spokesman in your article?

Ms Coast
Sent by e-mail

Baby complications?

SIR – As part of its awareness-raising programme to highlight the issues ofpregnancy complications, Tommy's, the baby charity, is looking to speak to pregnant women and mothers of young children about their experiences of pregnancy, who might be interested in acting as case studies for the charity.

Tommy's is always keen to speak to anyone who has experienced first hand the type of pregnancy complications that the charity works towards preventing, including miscarriage, premature birth, pre-eclampsia, toxoplasmosis (during pregnancy) and stillbirth.

When highlighting new pregnancy research, or promoting ways to maximise pregnancy health, Tommy's often receives requests from magazines, newspapers and television programmes, who would like to speak to our case studies, to highlight to the wider public the effects that pregnancy complications can have on a family, as well as providing comfort to others who may have gone through something similar.

Tommy's keeps an extensive, confidential database of potential case studies who have approached Tommy's with their stories.

Once a suitable press opportunity presents itself that Tommy's believes will be sensitively handled, a member of the charity's press team will then contact the individual to find out if it is something they would like to take part in.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Tommy's case study can contact its press team for a brief chat, details of which will then be added to the charity's case study database.

All information provided will be kept strictly confidential and no case study will be approached by a journalist without their prior consent.

Anyone wanting to get involved, should contact Kristy MacLeod on 0207 398 3440 or e-mail kmacleod@tommys.org

Kirsty Macleod
Tommy

Crime numbers increase with rise in population

SIR – As a resident of Bletchley, which has been part of Milton Keynes for more than 38 years, I fully agree with Chief Superintendent Alan Baldwin that Milton Keynes is a very safe place to live.

In 1970, the Milton Keynes' population was 50, 000 and in nearly 40 years it has gone up to almost 250,000.

Due to increase in population, the number of crimes is bound to increase.

First of all, we have to consider whether the crimes in all three categories, namely sexual offences, serious violence and other violence is increasing in terms of percentage of the population every year instead of comparing the numbers.

Secondly, one has to compare the percentage of crime committed by people in similar multi-racial areas in London or in Manchester.

Milton Keynes did not have any life-threatening assaults last year even though 34 injuries by knives and five discharges due to guns were reported.

In spite of the fact that the youth population is increasingly rapidly in Milton Keynes it has not experienced gang fights between different youth groups.

It is true to say that there are some problems in some parts of the city and this represents a very small number.

Finally, it is not the number of crimes that counts, it is the perception of people that local police are doing a good job that is very important.

The city is very safe for old people and families with young children to walk and travel to any part of the city especially at night without any fear of being mugged or assaulted.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Bletchley

Top secret school

SIR – I read your story about the deputy head of Monkston Primary School, Toby Scott-Hughes leaving the school.

As a parent we have absolutely no idea what this departure is all about.

I think it is disgusting that the council or the school have not made it clear why such an apparant popular member of staff has left without an explanation.

Surely the governors should know but they appear to be in the dark as much as anyone else.

Does anybody know the reason, if so please can somebody enlighten us poor parents.

Name and address supplied

All our yesterdays

SIR – A big well done to the Pickard family that you featured in the paper last week.

The family are living their life as though it were the 1940s and I must say, judging by the article, it seems they are very happy doing so.

In an age when we are so obsessed about what sort of new mobile phone we should have it was refreshing to read about a bright young couple who can enjoy life without the obvious trappings of the 21st century.

Mr B Green
Sent by e-mail

No no-go zone

SIR – It was good to see your article on the knife crime film last week.

As a teenager myself I often feel people look at me as though I am a young hoodlum, just because I wear a hooded top and baseball caps.

That is simply not the case and not fair.

I know some of the people that helped put this film together and hopefully this sort of thing will help break thoses stereotypes down.

Milton Keynes has its rough types and rough areas the same as any other town or city in this country, but it has not become a no-go zone so that residents fear to walk around it.

The police could maybe do more to communicate better with youngsters but it is also true that some of the kids have to learn to accept authority too and not just have a go at the police because they think it is a 'cool' thing to do.

Name and address supplied

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Suicide policeman died in full uniform

Constable left text messages to his estranged wife

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A POLICE officer was dressed in full uniform and medals as he committed suicide, an inquest has heard.

PC James Rowantree, 51, from Ulyett Place, Oldbrook was found dead at his home address on Saturday, October 11.

Mr Rowantree, known as Jim, was a police officer for nearly thirty years and was due to retire. He ran the control room at Milton Keynes Police Station.

An inquest, held on Thursday, heard that he was in the process of separating from his second wife of 13 years, Caroline, who had requested a non-molestation and occupancy order from the courts.

She had taken similar action against him in 2000 but the couple were later reconciled.

Mrs Rowantree told the inquest she left the marital home on Thursday, October 9 after her husband became aggressive during an argument with her 16-year-old son.

Suicide: PC James Rowantree

A court summons was served on Mr Rowantree to appear on Monday, October 13

On the morning of Saturday, October 11 Mrs Rowantree switched on her mobile phone and found three text messages from her estranged husband sent the night before.

The first, sent at around 8.30pm addressed to 'my beautiful wife Caroline' said: 'I can't go through the pain of another divorce. By the time you read this I will be gone.'

On reading the texts Mrs Rowantree and her daughter called the police.

Officers forced entry into Mr Rowantree's house and his body was found in the main bedroom.

DS Robert Brown said he was lying on the bed in full police uniform, wearing medals.

His mobile phone was in his hand with an open text reading 'good-bye to all. I love all of you.'

A half empty bottle of wine was discovered with two tumblers, one containing a white residue, and empty medicine packets were found in a bin.

Mrs Rowantree said the drugs he appeared to have taken were used to relieve pain when she suffered from cancer.

One of several notes left in the house read 'I can't do this again, sorry'.

Consultant pathologist Dr Veejay Desai, who carried out a post-mortem, said Mr Rowantree had high levels of morphine, alcohol and other drugs in his blood and died of an overdose.

The inquest heard he was treated for a period of depression in 2007.

Coroner Rodney Corner recorded a verdict that Mr Rowantree took his own life.

MK motorway to follow M42 with hard shoulder driving

THE motorway in Milton Keynes is to be one of the first stretches where drivers can use the hard shoulder.

The Government has scrapped plans to widen the road in favour of opening up the hard shoulder to relieve congestion.

The enquiry into widening between junctions 10 and 13 was postponed while an assessment of the alternative 'hard shoulder running' took place.

Nationally it will save billions of pounds and save motorists from the chaos caused by widening, as happened between junctions 10 and 6a on the M1.

It will start between Luton and Milton Keynes in 2009/10 with a view to extending it right up to junction 19.

Traffic will be allowed on the hard shoulder at busy times with a maximum speed limit of 60mph. It follows a successful trial on the M42 near Birmingham last year.

Motorists that break down will have to pull onto emergency areas which are placed 800 yards apart.

Cllr Douglas McCall, cabinet member for sustainable development, welcomes the plans having been impressed when he drove on the hard shoulder in the Midlands.

He said: "My initial reaction is that it may be a way of coping with peak capacity. If it works, without spending millions of pound of tax payers' money, then great. If it doesn't work then it should be revisited. It's worth a go though."

However, road safety campaigners from charities such as Brake have spoken out about the danger of emergency vehicles not being able to reach accidents.

Conservative Cllr David Hopkins said: "This is a short-term fix to a longer-term need.

"For Milton Keynes, which is going to double in size, we do need to be pressing for a four lane motorway. So whilst we welcome it as an interim solution, our goal is still a four lane carriageway from Milton Keynes to London."

A DfT spokesman added: "Hard shoulder running delivers improvements more quickly than motorway widening and is the better value-for-money option."

Basketball's fate rests on 'crunch' meeting

CRUNCH talks between two of Milton Keynes' sports chiefs could decide the fate of the city's basketball team next week.

MK Lions owner Vince Macaulay will sit down with MK Dons chairman Pete Winkelman to discuss the latest developments at arena:mk.

The Lions were due to move into the arena, next to the Dons' stadiummk, in time for the start of the 2009/10 basketball season.

But the arena plans have been hit by the economic downturn.

Their current home Bletchley Leisure Centre will be demolished in November for redevelopment.

Mr Macaulay is hoping talks will either establish a time-line for the move or confirm the Lions need to look outside MK.

He said:"It's not a question of wanting to stay in MK but whether it's possible to. My understanding is the arena is close to completion, there are a few things that need to happen. Hopefully we can pin all those details down at the meeting.

"I'm committed to moving into the arena and Pete's also committed to making it happen."

He says he is prepared to work in a 'shell' of an arena if that is required.

The Lions would need concrete floor and an air system in place to avoid playing in front of restricted crowds.

Any other elements of work could go ahead between the Lions' matches.

Mr Macaulay added: "Bletchley Leisure Centre closes in November so we do have a home until then.

"If the arena were to open in December we could find somewhere else to play for a few games but if it's any later we will be in trouble."

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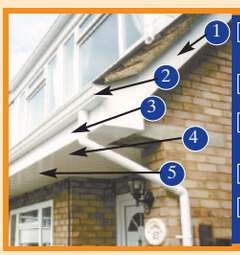

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Public to vote on Bletchley Park

BY ROB GIBSON
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THE future of Bletchley Park is in your hands.

That is the message from Bletchley Park Trust director, Simon Greenish, as Milton Keynes Council asks the taxpayer to vote on a crucial funding proposal.

As previously revealed by this newspaper, the historical buildings and Second World War museum are in desperate need of refurbishment after the code-breaking huts began to decay.

The mansion roof has now been repaired thanks to funding from English Heritage, which has also tabled £300,000 for further repairs.

But that money will only be available if the trust can find a matching bid from another donor.

As part of its budget consultation for 2009/10, available in today's MK NEWS, Milton Keynes Council has asked for residents' views on whether it should contribute.

The proposal asks whether the taxpayer supports a total contribution of £60,000 over the next two years which will be added to existing funds.

Mr Greenish said: "It's the first time that the public has voted on this. It would effectively put £400,000 into the site in two years and that's a huge part of getting this site regenerated.

"With the other donations it would be close to £1million invested over four years.

"Now is the time for the public to show a little bit of enthusiasm about trying to turn this place into the historic jewel in Milton Keynes."

Churchill's code breakers were housed in the huts at Bletchley Park during the war.

Hut 6, one of the most symbolic buildings of Britain's code-breaking past, was only saved thanks to a £500,000 donation from the Sidney Frank Foundation last year.

The campaign in this newspaper has helped to raise £2,500 of donations from city residents and a petition to save Bletchley Park broke into the top ten on the Downing Street website.

The trust is still in discussion with the Lottery Hedge Fund and is showcasing its £10million master plan detailing a major restructuring project to create an easier visitor experience.

> Now is the time for the public to show a little bit of enthusiasm about trying to turn this place into the historic jewel in MK
>
> – Bletchley Park Trust director, Simon Greenish

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How pigeons helped win two World Wars

BY LAURA HANNAM
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WERE you saved by a pigeon?

An odd question perhaps, but during the First and Second World Wars, being saved by a humble pigeon may have been a reality.

An artist is calling for local people who were rescued by homing pigeons, who remember preparing them for flight, or donated their own racing pigeons to the war effort to come forward.

She is also interested in speaking to relatives or friends of these people.

Their stories will be included in an exhibition to celebrate the role of pigeons during the wars.

Lyndall Phelps, whose exhibition The Pigeon Archive comes to Milton Keynes Gallery from July 4 to August 30, said: "The idea began when I went to the Imperial War Museum in London in 2004 and saw a stuffed pigeon suspended by a parachute in the First World War display."

"I began searching historical archives to find out more and discovered some quite poignant stories.

"It is fascinating that so many human lives were saved due to the instinct of pigeons.

"But many of the reports are very clinical and it would be great if I could get some personal stories from people connected to the Milton Keynes area."

Ms Phelps decided to bring the exhibition to Milton Keynes due to the proximity of the code-breaking centre at Bletchley Park, where homing pigeons were used in wartime operations.

In the Second World War it was recommended that every military aircraft leaving Britain carry two pigeons. If the plane was shot down, pigeons were dispatched carrying the survivor's co-ordinates for rescue.

Homing pigeons were also parachuted behind enemy lines in order to retrieve crucial information on enemy manoeuvres for the British and Allied Forces.

Some even carried miniature cameras to document military sites behind enemy lines.

The Pigeon Archive will document, through photography and video, the re-enactment of pigeon manoeuvres using reconstructed wartime equipment.

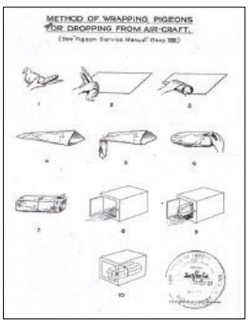
Photographs capture pigeons in flight wearing cardboard tube message carriers on their back and also descending through the air, bound and attached to parachutes.

Ms Phelps, who is originally from Australia and now lives in Ely, Cambridgeshire, has also devised a miniature video camera holder for pigeons to wear, resulting in a 'pigeon's-eye-view' film over the Cambridgeshire countryside.

The Pigeon Archive is supported by Bletchley Park and the Royal Racing Pigeon Association.

■ If you have a pigeon story to tell please call Rosie Jackson on 01908 558 302, e-mail r.jackson@mk-g.org or write to Lyndall Phelps, c/o Milton Keynes Gallery, 900 Midsummer Boulevard, Milton Keynes, MK9 3QA.

On a mission: A Second World War bomber crew complete with cages carrying homing pigeons



Pigeon droppings: From aircraft and by parachute

First class: Back packer release

Winter vomiting bug closes hospital wards

THREE wards have been closed at Milton Keynes Hospital following a suspected outbreak of the winter vomiting bug, norovirus.

Wards 16, 17 and 19 have been closed as a precautionary action to help prevent the spread of the sickness and diarrhoea bug after it was identified at the weekend.

As investigations continue, the hospital is reminding visitors to stay away if they have any symptoms or feel unwell.

Microbiologist, Dr Lakshmi Ragunathan, said: "We're seeing a rise in what is likely to be norovirus cases.

"This bug is in the community and has unfortunately found its way into the hospital.

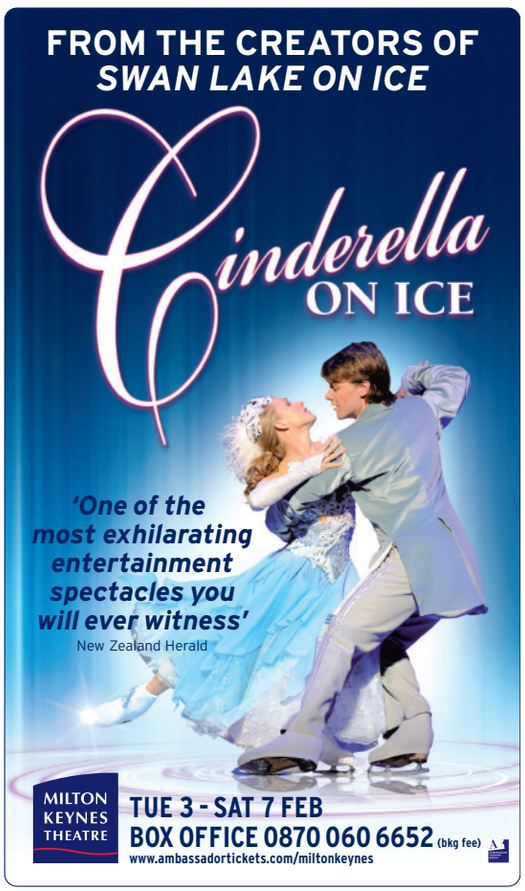
"We need to stop the spread of this bug and protect our patients. In turn, please do not come to the hospital unless your visit is essential.

"This is to protect our patients and to reduce the spread of the sickness and diarrhoea bug.

"All visitors should wash their hands with warm water and soap, and use the sinks and alcohol foam rub available throughout the hospital."

The Norovirus is not a healthcare associated infection but one that spreads very quickly in areas where people are present in large numbers.

A decison on reopening was due to take place this morning (Wednesday).



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Finding a bra that fits is as easy as A B C

Underwear shopping can drag you down, especially when your size is not catered for on the High Street. But a new lingerie shop in the city is showing how buying lingerie can be an uplifting experience, as reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE discovered

Guess your size: Trish Knight assistant manager at Bravissimo

40K sounds like a salary or the distance of a journey, but it is actually what underwear store Bravissimo stretches to, size-wise.

This is the shop whose unique selling point is that it caters for the whole spectrum of non-conventional bra sizes.

The centre:mk based store, which opened its doors in July, is not only for what it refers to as 'big boobed' women, but those with small back sizes, for whom they start at 28D.

It is all part of the vision of founder Sarah Tremellen, who started the chain in 1995, after being frustrated that bras came in all shapes – but not in all sizes.

Her promise was that unconventionally-sized women should be able to have the same choice as those of standard proportions - something which is borne out by the store's array of balconettes, plunges, multi-ways and corsets.

Marketing manager Rebecca O'Connor said: "Before Bravissimo a lot of customers on the bigger end of the boob scale had to stick with black, white, not particularly pretty bras.

"But we wanted to give women a choice. Why should only people who fit into that size category have the choice? All woman should be able to feel sexy, attractive or pretty – that's why we've expanded the range.

"It's about the right fitting bra, getting support, making people feel comfortable and confident. If you've got the right bra it makes you look slimmer."

TV gropers Gok Wan and Trinny and Suzannah have emphasised the importance of good underwear.

They have tried to rectify a nation guilty of wearing ill-fitting bras. According to Bravissimo, 80 per cent of women are wearing the wrong size bra and 60 per cent of those wearing a C cup should be wearing a D cup or above.

These fashion gurus' philosophy is that confidence comes from clothing, and clothing only looks right when you've got decent underwear underneath it.

It is little wonder, then, that the Bravissimo founder was awarded the MBE in the latest round of honours – officially for entrepreneurialism, but, in the eyes of her thousands of customers, for services to self-esteem.

She has capitalised on a niche market that has broken the confines of being niche, where 'abnormal' sizes are actually the norm, and the packed Milton Keynes shop is testament to this.

And now it has moved on to offering clothing that comes in sizes called curvy, really curvy and super curvy.

With just 20 stores nationally, it seems Milton Keynes is lucky to be one of the chosen cities to have a branch.

Rebecca said: "We knew we'd got a lot of customers from Milton Keynes going down to London to visit Bravissimo. The number of e-mails we got saying 'bring one here' suggested MK was a place that needed a Bravissimo. And since we opened here in July it's been one of our busiest shops."

And it is people like assistant manager Trish Knight who bears the brunt of this business.

"From the day we opened in July it's been absolutely manic," she said.

Despite the popularity, the serenity of the fitting rooms is unrivalled.

And the unique Bravissimo fitting style is equally novel, since staff do not use tape measures.

One glance at you in your existing bra is enough for Trish and her colleagues to guess your size, doing away with tape measures altogether.

"It is amazing when we fit people. So many people come in adamant they are a certain size. But when they try their clothes on with a well-fitting bra they are often amazed, especially when the see a waist they never thought they had. Reactions range from screams of laughter to tears of joy."

That is the most uplifting thing about this shop: leaving with a better figure, posture, and a bra that actually fits.

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> **– Bravissimo marketing manager Rebecca O'Connor**

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MPs on the same side as they kick off sport scheme

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CITY MPs Mark Lancaster and Phyllis Starkey swapped the floor of the House of Commons for the court of Milton Keynes College's sports hall to sample the unusual sport of korfball.

In a change from their usual game of political football, the Tory member for Milton Keynes north east, and his Labour opponent for the south west, were kicking off the Reactivate MK campaign on Friday.

It culminates in a week of free and special offer sessions for people to try out a new sport or get back into an old one.

Running from January 31 to February 8 and organised by Bucks Sport, it offers a wide range of sports and activities for adults of all ages, fitness levels or abilities.

Activities include korfball (which is like netball), bowls, aqua fit, pilates, tai chi, table tennis, badminton, netball, hockey and ballroom dancing at venues such as Walton High School, Lovat Fields, Oakgrove Leisure Centre, Wolverton Town Bowls Club, National Badminton Centre, Leon Leisure Centre and Shenley Brook End Sports Hall.

Lee Mason, director of Bucks Sport, said: "We want to make it easy for people to get out there and try something new, a bit different or get back into a sport they did years ago.

"We know that once people find some activity they like they usually get hooked."

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City MPs Mark Lancaster and Dr Phyllis Starkey give Korfball a go as part of Reactivate Milton Keynes

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From bust to new bus

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A LAY-BY cafe owner who lost his business in a suspected arson attack has reopened with a brand new bus.

Ken Perkins, who found his converted coach incinerated last year, has bought the new bus with the help of a friend.

The Red Bus Cafe, which was based in a lay-by off the Stoke Road near Stoke Hammond, was gutted by a blaze, believed to have been started deliberately, last November.

The cafe was based in the lay-by for 20 years and offered all-day breakfasts and hot and cold food.

Mr Perkins, from Tyrells Road, Stoke Hammond, said he lost up £6,000 as no insurance company would cover the cafe for arson attacks because it was stationary.

Ken Perkins outside his new White Bus Cafe

A friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, came to the rescue by loaning him money to help buy a new bus.

Mr Perkins found the bus on eBay and the business will be renamed the 'White Bus Cafe' to match its colour.

"I am still doing it up bit by bit," said Ken.

The new cafe is legal to drive on the road, which means it can be insured.

It is currently based in the entrance road to the Newton Longville landfill site with sign posts directing customers from the by-pass.

Life and death epic with a cast of 70

A MIX of street runners, jugglers and singers are to take to the stage for one night of contemporary performance.

Unusual local acts have been drawn together for a colourful production at Milton Keynes Theatre on Saturday.

Acrobats, circus performers, jazz dancers, a 15-piece band and a choir are just some of the acts that will take the audience through a moving journey of one man's life, from conception to death.

The show is written and produced by local writers, Andrew Hall, Shahnaz Hussain-Hall and Steve McDaniel, with original choreography by Wendy Kitching.

A big screen will be set up on the stage with multi-media by Tim Searle of Triffic Films.

Shahnaz Hussain-Hall said she and her husband Andrew were inspired to put together the show after being involved in the MK40 celebrations last year with their company KiK Music.

Since then they have been searching for unsual talent across the city.

She said the end result is a Cirque Du Soleil-influenced theatrical work expressed through music, choreography and multi-media.

The cast of 70, aged from 10 to 68, include local groups such as MK Cheerleaders and street running acrobats MK Parkour.

"Many acts came to do small parts and then ended up doing more, like MK Parkour who are now juggling, dancing and rapping," said Mrs Hussain-Hall.

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Award for train shed homes

A DEVELOPMENT on the site of the Royal Train Sheds in Wolverton has picked up a national award.

Wolverton Park has been voted the best use of a brownfield site and recycled building at the National Home Improvement Council Awards.

Places for People, the developer, was presented with the award by Lord Rooker and the president of the NHIC, Rt Hon Nick Raynsford MP.

Ian Troughton, project director said: "Developing a site that has such historical and emotive significance is both complex and challenging.

"We needed to design and construct buildings suitable for 21st century living, while also preserving the history and memory of their former use."

Construction at Wolverton Park will be completed later this year.

Anger over delays after rail line death

BY ROB GIBSON
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A CITY man was killed by a train travelling towards Milton Keynes Central.

The 43-year-old man was hit by the 18.07 from London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street on Friday.

British Transport Police recovered his body near to Leighton Buzzard station at 6.45pm. They have refused to name him and said that the death is not being treated as suspicious.

The incident caused substantial delays for passengers and many were forced to complete their journey by replacement bus services.

Cllr Mike Galloway was affected by the delays and was left unimpressed by the way services responded.

He said: "There were lots of people at Leighton Buzzard station, little or no information being given and little evidence of any London Midland staff to assist.

"While I have every sympathy for anyone in such an incident, particularly any train crew, this does not excuse London Midland, Network Rail and Virgin from their responsibilities to get good information out to customers in a timely way.

"We seem to have chaotic management of the West Coast Main Line with an ongoing effect on commuters from the Milton Keynes area and an adverse effect on the local economy."

A spokesman for London Midland said: "Thirty-five services were affected and normal services didn't resume until 10.25pm. We did everything we could to help customers and we would have informed people as rapidly as possible."

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Orchestra in world premiere

MILTON Keynes City Orchestra, under the baton of Sian Edwards, will perform a world premiere of Hugh Wood's Violin Concerto written for soloist Alexandra Wood at Milton Keynes Theatre on Friday.

Hugh Wood will be taking part in the pre-concert talk for the evening, featuring a question and answer session involving Sian Edwards.

This is a rare opportunity for Milton Keynes City Orchestra to perform a world premiere and a great marker for Milton Keynes Theatre, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2009.

The large size of the orchestra required means that the companion piece will feature the popular Mussorgsky's Pictures At An Exhibition which will be played in Ravel's orchestral arrangement, the most popular and well-loved version.

The commission has been made possible with support from the PRS Foundation and the premiere is supported by Milton Keynes Partnership and DRS Data Services Ltd.

Woman bag snatcher sought

A WOMAN snatched a handbag during a robbery in Walnut Tree on Friday.

The victim was walking home from Tesco Express, along Walton Road, at about 7.50pm, when she was grabbed from behind.

The offender put her hand over the woman's mouth and snatched the handbag off her shoulder before running off in the direction of Hindhead Knoll.

The black leather handbag is from Next and contained a red leather purse and credit cards.

Police described the offender as black, in her late teens to early 20s, 5ft 4ins tall, slim and wearing a white baseball cap, white hooded top, blue jeans and white trainers.

Anyone with information can contact DC Shepherd on 08458 505505.

£1,000 reward for info

POLICE are offering a £1,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of offenders responsible for a spate of sheltered housing burglaries in Milton Keynes.

In the run up to Christmas, 15 separate burglaries in sheltered housing complexes were reported to police.

In all cases the offenders gained access to the main building and once inside they were able to walk into individual apartments through unlocked doors where they stole cash.

DI Simon Roberts said: "This is a particularly nasty crime because these offenders are preying on the most vulnerable people in our community. We have decided to offer this reward because we know there will be people out there who know who these offenders are or have information that will lead to their arrest."

Anyone with information can call Milton Keynes Police Station via the 24-hour non-emergency number: 0845 8 505 505. If you do not want to speak to the police, call the Crimestoppers charity anonymously on 0800 555 111.

For local people

A GROUP of volunteers aiming to start a community response to green and economic issues is holding events in Wolverton.

Tomorrow, Thursday January 22, a talk will be held by Molly Scott Cato, green economist and author, on Local Money, Local Skills, Local Power: the role of money in building a resilient local economy.

It will start at 8pm at the Old Bath House Community Centre, Stratford Road, Wolverton. Admission by donation (£2 suggested).

On Sunday, January 25, a workshop will be held on the economic revival of Wolverton – how can we build a sustainable, equitable and healthy economy in Wolverton?

12-4pm at the Madcap Theatre, Creed Street, Wolverton. Free admission.

Group hopes to restore town's Picture Palace

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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IT may be the stuff of fiction, but a group in Wolverton is hoping that the revival of a historic cinema can become a reality.

The former Barber's Electric Picture Palace on Stratford Road, which closed in 1961, is currently up for sale by the church which has outgrown it.

And those eager to see it transformed into an independent cinema – and recapture the former glory of when it opened in 1911 – have just completed a study into how viable their vision is.

Ursula White, who has been leading the project for a year, said that not only would it supply the city with a much-needed independent cinema, it would also preserve an important building.

"It is the only vintage cinema left in Buckinghamshire and a special building – it looks like a music hall inside and it's definitely got atmosphere.

"This project would not be happening if there had not been a groundswell of support from the community and if the precedent for similar projects in Wolverton had not already demonstrated that communities can make things happen if they come together.

"Everyone just seems really up for it."

The feasibility study shows that the project is achievable if the group, which is backed by regeneration organisation Wolverton Un Limited, can secure funding. A bid has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The report says: 'It is unusual that a city the size of Milton Keynes – and one that prides itself on its cultural offerings – has no independent cinema to offer'.

A group set up on social networking site Facebook, which has 226 members so far, already has discussions about what films the renovated cinema might show.

■ If you are interested in getting involved contact Ursula on ursula@wolvertonunlimited.com or 01908 225600.

Top: The interior of the former Barber's Electric Picture Palace
Near right: The building now
Far right: In its heyday

Kids' craft fair bargains

COULD the next Peter Jones be in MK this Sunday?

Around 600 budding entrepreneurs will take over Middleton Hall at thecentre:mk as part of the 2009 Young Enterprise Craft and Trade Fair.

More than 60 schools from all over the South East will be represented at the show.

The students have been learning about business first hand, manufacturing and selling a variety of products and services during their academic year in the Young Enterprise Company Programme and Team Programme.

With advice from local business volunteers, the students elect a board of directors, raise share capital, market and finance a product or service of their choice.

Products on sale include: bags, jewellery, T-shirts, hand decorated glass and vases, toys, wooden items, cards, mugs, key rings, magnets, mirrors and juggling balls.

Mary Cloake, Young Enterprise development manager for Bucks & MK, said: "Each year the show is a marvellous showcase for these budding young entrepreneurs. Savvy shoppers can respond to the credit crunch by picking up a unique product at a competitive price."

The event runs from 11am-5pm.

Schoolboys robbed

TWO boys were threatened and robbed on their way to school.

The 12-year-old boys were walking to Stantonbury School with their friends last Wednesday along the redway next to Stantonbury athletics track, when they were approached.

The offender threatened them with violence if they did not hand over their mobile phones or money.

One boy handed over his mobile and the other handed over some change, before the robber fled towards Stowe Court.

Detective Constable Joanne Pape said: "All the boys in the group were only 12-years-old and this was quite frightening for them.

"It is quite a busy time of the morning as people make their way to school or work so we hope someone will have seen the man we are looking for."

The incident happened at 7.50am.

Police described the offender as white, between 17 and 20-years-old, medium build, around 5ft 6ins, wearing white tracksuit trousers, a white hooded top and a grey coloured scarf covering his nose and mouth.

■ Anyone with information can contact Det Con Pape on 08458 505505 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.

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DIY wedding success

Here comes the bride!

By Kristie from HobbyCraft

We've already seen how you can personalise your wedding day and save a bundle of money by making your own invitations. Creating gorgeous accessories for you and your guests is another.

As a bride myself, I know how quickly wedding costs can add up (getting married in the Maldives can suddenly seem quite attractive!).

The good news is that it's really easy to cut some costs without losing the effect (because, let's be honest, handcrafted is chic so long as it doesn't look like something made on Blue Peter!).

For the best choice in making and customising accessories, take a trip to a specialist store like HobbyCraft. From dazzling beads and tiaras, to fascinators, wedding favours, bombonieres, ribbons, confetti, feathers, corsages and so much more, HobbyCraft offers aisles of inspirationtohelpyoumakeyourwedding truly original.

For example, buy a simple tiara or headband and embellish it yourself with delicate petite flowers, feathers, pre-wired diamantes and faux pearl picks. It's quick, it's easy and it's truly original. The same applies to hats and fascinators, which is great news for guests who don't want to risk wearing the same as someone else.

And there's plenty more you can do to get a designer look on a budget. Add sparkle to a simple veil by sewing delicate crystals at intervals along the border. Decorate plain shoes or sandals with diamantes (they look particularly good on the heels), ribbons and buckles, to make footwear sparkle.

Make your own wedding garter and it will be extra special! All you need is a little fabric, lace and elastic, delicate little flowers and ribbons for decorations, and you'll have a keepsake that will be extra special.

Today, there's a huge choice of faux flowers too, from exotic blooms to seasonal favourites, which are ideal for making bouquets, posies, button holes and corsages as well as pew ends and table centrepieces. They can look as good as the real thing and what's more there's no risk of them wilting by the end of the day.

To imagine, make and create your own perfect wedding, visit HobbyCraft at Central Retail Park, Milton Keynes. For more inspired ideas, to see all the columns in this series and for a free copy of your creative wedding check list, visit www.hobbycraft.co.uk

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Show how big your heart is – and help city's future

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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PUT your heart and soul into helping Milton Keynes by forming a heart.

That is what one organisation is asking everyone from office staff to school pupils, to do – make a heart in any way you choose and make a donation to the city's future.

Milton Keynes Community Foundation, which has been awarding grants to community projects for 20 years, says that every pound counts when it comes to raising its target of £1 million by 2011.

The foundation must raise a large proportion of this money within the next two years, which the Government will match. But if it does not reach it, the money set aside for Milton Keynes will go back to the Treasury.

All the money will go towards projects that help the disadvantaged, nurture local talent, promote healthy lifestyles and establish community cohesion.

Sarah Sweet Rowley, marketing manager, said: "The heart campaign is a great way to make a contribution to the city we live and work in, and it should take no more than 15 minutes.

"It's very simple: you can form a heart shape with other people by holding hands, by lying down head to toe or by huddling together. Or your heart can be made up of items which represent your core business, your school, your family or community group."

People are asked to e-mail photos of their hearts to the foundation and send in their donations by February 13.

■ Contact 01908 690276 or info@mkcommunityfoundation.co.uk for details.

Rail line clearance

"WORKMEN are clearing the way for the revival of an abandoned railway.

On Monday, 12 miles of disused railway line between Bletchley and Claydon Junction will be cleared of scrub, brambles and overgrown vegetation.

This means that survey and investigation work can be carried out for the East-West Rail project, which hopes eventually to connect Ipswich to Oxford.

The section of line between Bletchley and Claydon was mothballed in the mid 1990s.

Patrick O'Sullivan, East-West Rail project manager at Milton Keynes Partnership, said: "While this work is happening the contractors will be making every effort to keep any disruption to a minimum.

"Once the site clearance is completed, the engineers and surveyors will begin their technical surveys and ground investigations to enable the design work of the new track and associated railway engineering works for the western section of the project."

■ Residents who have any questions about the clearance works should contact Jez Baldock of Atkins Consultancy on 0121 483 5323 or Patrick O'Sullivan on 01908 353752.

MPs clash on housing

THE city's housing crisis went under the spotlight in Parliament when its two MPs clashed over how it should be solved.

Labour MP for south west Milton Keynes Dr Phyllis Starkey described the supply of social housing in MK as 'wholly inadequate'.

She believes three million new homes nationally by 2020 is the way forward.

A report by MK Partnership last month said over 3,000 households are in 'technically overcrowded accommodation' and 11,751 households are in 'unsuitable accommodation', 16,400 houses are needed in the next five years.

Dr Starkey said: "The problem is that there's not enough housing. I wanted to spell out the very unsatisfactory nature of housing in Milton Keynes. Housing issues form the major part of my caseload. Building more housing is the only way we can rectify this."

However Conservative MP for the north east of the city, Mark Lancaster said: "For any community to be totally sustainable it must have support of local people. I'm committed to allowing local residents to decide via Milton Keynes Council exactly when and how the city should expand."

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Catflap burglaries net cars and iPods

BY ROB GIBSON
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CARS, laptops and iPods were stolen as burglars used cat flaps to break into two city homes.

Residents have been urged to be vigilant after three incidents in the last fortnight, when burglars have used cat flaps and letter boxes to gain entry to homes.

On Friday, January 9, offenders were disturbed as they tried to use a stick to reach through a letter box and unlock the door of a home in Blackwood Crescent, Blue Bridge.

The following Monday night burglars broke into a home in Mithras Gardens, Wavendon Gate, by using a stick pushed through the cat flap.

They stole car keys and the car, a silver Seat Leon, two laptops, a Samsung television, a mobile phone, a TomTom satellite navigation system, an Apple iPod and credit cards.

Easy access: Ed Allington

Sometime between midnight and 7am last Wednesday burglars used the same method to break into a house in Norton Leys, Wavendon Gate.

This time the list included a Dell laptop, Blackberry, iPod Nano, TomTom satellite navigation system, credit cards, two sets of car keys, a blue Audi A5 and a black Volkswagen Golf.

Thames valley Police crime reduction advisor, Ed Allington, said: "It is imperative householders ensure they secure all doors and windows securely, including always dead-locking your doors. A door is not properly locked unless a key is used to double lock it.

"Make sure you also hide the keys either in a drawer or take them upstairs with you when you go to bed."

■ For crime prevention advice you can contact your local crime reduction office on 08458 505505 or www.thamesvalley.police.uk

Conniburrow homes daubed with racist graffiti

TWENTY houses on a city estate have been daubed with racist graffiti.

Vandals struck in Conniburrow at 5am on Friday, spraying houses and a car with offensive words.

Police were called and staff from Milton Keynes Council responded to remove the stains by Saturday.

Chief Inspector Andy Standen said: "This was an unpleasant incident and we want to work with the local community to identify those responsible.

"The neighbourhood officers have been out, offering reassurance to residents. Although we believe this was an isolated incident we increased our patrols throughout the weekend to prevent further offences and we are pleased to say there have been no further reports over the weekend."

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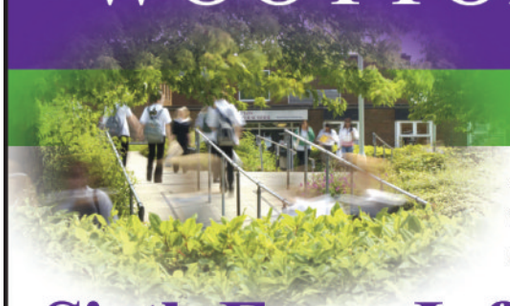

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Firemen save sleeping man from flat fire

BY LAURA HANNAM
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FIREFIGHTERS have rescued a man from his flat in Fishermead after a blaze started while he was asleep.

Two crews rescued a man from a second-floor flat in Penryn Avenue, Fishermead yesterday evening (Sunday, January 19).

The blaze started at around 7pm as the man had fallen asleep after putting a pan on the cooker.

Crew manager Kevin Mercer from Broughton Fire Station said: "By coincidence, we were already on our way to Fishermead to carry out safety checks in people's homes when the 999 call came through. The call came from a neighbour, who noticed smoke coming into his flat."

Firefighters had to break into the adjacent flat, wake the man and lead him to safety.

The flat was not equipped with smoke alarms. The crews fitted a smoke alarm and a heat detector before returning to their stations.

On Thursday (January 15) evening firefighters rescued a semi-concious man from a fire in his flat in Central Milton Keynes.

Crews from Great Holm and Broughton were called to a three-storey block of flats in North Tenth Street at 10.33pm.

The fire is believed to have started in the bathroom of a first-floor flat.

Around 50 people had to be evacuated from neighbouring properties.

Group manager Dave Norris, who also attended the incident, said: "Firefighters wearing breathing apparatus used a thermal imaging camera to locate the semi-conscious man, in his bedroom. They brought him out to a waiting ambulance."

The man suffered from smoke inhalation.

The British Red Cross Fire and Emergency Support Service vehicle based at Bletchley Fire Station went to Milton Keynes Hospital to offer assistance to the man.

Bogus driver steals van and goodies

A THIEF posed as a courier so he could drive off with a van full of electronic equipment worth £1,800.

This CCTV image shows the man who police suspect of stealing televisions and DVDs from a company in Fox Milne.

The evening before the theft the man walked up to a security guard pretending to be a temporary courier and said he had lost his mobile phone.

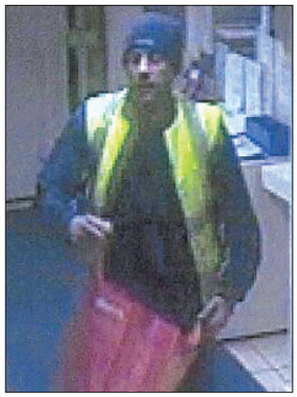
He was granted access, looked around and left ten minutes later.

At 4.45am the next day, January 7, he returned, took the keys to a VW Crafter van and loaded it with goods before driving away.

Police found the stolen van burnt out in Fletham, Middlesex.

PC Jason Sanderson, said: "He knew the exact procedure followed by all the temporary drivers which is why he was able to carry this out without raising suspicion. We would like to hear from anyone who thinks they know who this man is."

■ Contact PC Sanderson on 08458 505505 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.



CCTV pictures of the man who posed as a temporary driver before making off with goods worth £1,800

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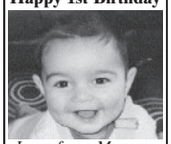

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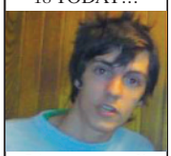

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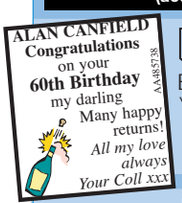

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Government blocks bog standard plan

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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Caught short: MP Phyllis Starkey is disappointed there will be no public toilet strategy

THE city MP in charge of toilets is disappointed her recommendations to the Government have gone down the pan.

Phyllis Starkey, member for Milton Keynes south west, chairs the committee which publicised the countrywide need for more public toilets.

The Government has rejected its main recommendation that local authorities develop a public toilet strategy for their area in consultation with the community.

The Communities and Local Government select committee, chaired by Dr Starkey, found that though the Public Health Act 1936 gives local authorities the power to provide public toilets, it imposes no duty to do so.

This, it believes, is the reason for the decline in the number and quality of public conveniences.

And Dr Starkey spoke about how this can affect people's lives, in some cases even deterring people from going out of their homes.

The British Toilet Association has said the Government is ignoring its demands to force local authorities to provide adequate public toilet facilities.

The Government's response also failed to accept the committee's recommendation that the Government collects accurate information on the provision of public toilets.

And it also overlooked the recommendation that there should be standard public toilet signage across the country.

Dr Starkey said: "I'm very disappointed that they've rejected our major recommendation that councils should have to draw up a strategy. I can't say what action we will take but I hope the committee will continue to monitor it."

Council offers redundancy support

CAREERS services are calling for more visitors as jobs come under threat in Milton Keynes.

Staff who are facing redundancy or who need to find work during the economic downturn have been advised to make use of Milton Keynes Council's Employment Support Team.

The team provides one-to-one career advice, retraining, tips for writing CVs, and interview techniques.

Council employment support manager, Tina Strutton, said: "During this latest recession it is even more important that we offer as much support as possible to anyone who has found themselves out of work.

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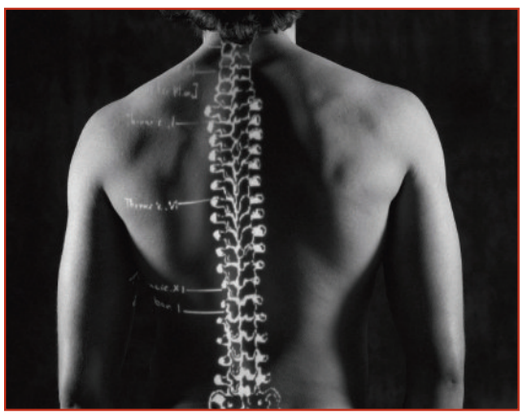

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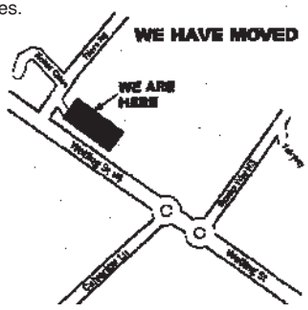

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Introduction

Milton Keynes Council is consulting the local community about its proposals for service priorities and budgets for the coming year. The budget affects every resident of Milton Keynes as it sets the level of Council Tax and decides the level of services that you receive from the Council.

Last year we agreed budget totals for three years, so 2009/10 is year two of that sequence. A lot has changed in the past year and we now face a very different economic situation to when we agreed the three year totals. We recognise that many families will be experiencing greater financial hardship and so are proposing a Council Tax increase of 3.9%. This is below the 5.2% that is our benchmark maximum based on Central Government's state pension increase this year.

The Council was recently given reward money from the government for helping to deliver growth in local businesses.

We have used this money to fund schemes to help the unemployed back into work, skills development and support targeted at small firms and those in vulnerable jobs.

The Council's Cabinet has worked hard to identify efficiency savings in order to make the books balance without cutting services. This year, because of the success of our efforts there are no service cuts in our budget proposals and we will again exceed Government efficiency targets.

Following consultation with the community we are also proposing a new set of five priorities that reflect issues of public concern and service improvement challenges. These new priorities cover public transport, children's education, and adults' skills, road and pavement repairs and activities for young people.

We are also consulting about a specific proposal to raise Council Tax by a further 0.5% to fund improvements to public transport. This was suggested by the Citizens Advisory Group on Transport as a means of helping those who do not have cars to get about the Borough and to reduce congestion for car drivers. Please give this idea some thought.

As usual we are consulting local residents and partner organisations about our proposals and hope that you will take the time to read the information and to let us know what you think. Your views will be listened to and in the last few years we have changed some of our budget proposals to reflect your comments. Details of how to respond, together with a response form are set out below.

We would very much like to hear your views about the budget proposals and in the meantime will continue to work hard to maximise efficiencies and improve services on your behalf. .

Yours sincerely

Isobel McCall

Isobel McCall
Leader of the Council

How you can make your views known

To take part in the consultation, simply fill in the attached form and return it to us no later then 6th FEBRUARY 2009

If you wish to know more before responding, a consultation leaflet is available that explains the proposals and gives details about meetings in January that will be discussing the proposals. This leaflet may be obtained by:

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What will happen next

Putting together the budget for 2009/10 is an ongoing process. The timeline below tells you when we have to make key decisions.

December 2008/February 2009

- From 22nd December 2008 to 6th February 2009 – consultation on the detailed budget proposals and proposed Council Tax levels

February 2009

- The results of the consultation will be analysed and will be used to inform the final decisions on the budget.
- The final budget, including Council Tax levels, will be proposed by Cabinet on 17th February 2009 and decided by Full Council on 26th February 2009.
  Both meetings are open to the public.

Questionnaire

PART 1: Council Tax levels

The proposed rise in council tax of 3.9% means an increase of £39.65 per year, or just over 76p per week, on an average Band D property. Do you think this increase is:

Please tick one box

Too high ☐ Acceptable ☐ Too Low ☐

A council tax increase of 0.5% is recommended by the Citizens Advisory Group on Transport to fund improvements to public transport. This would mean an increase of £5.28 per year, or just over 10p per week, on an average Band D property. How do you view this idea:

Support ☐ Don't know ☐ Oppose ☐

PART 2: The Cabinet's Proposed Improvement Priorities

Please read the proposed priority areas for improvement, and indicate which ones you support or do not support by ticking the appropriate box.

Public Transport: to have effective and efficient routes that are affordable for all

a) Improve information for passengers so that using bus services is easier

Support ☐ Do not support ☐

b) Research whether our long term transport needs can be met by creating a major transport system that might involve new ways for large numbers of people to get about the borough

Support ☐ Do not support ☐

Children's Education & Skills: to increase the level of education attainment for children and adults

c) Raise school standards through a recruitment campaign to attract expert maths teachers. We have a shortage of maths teachers locally

Support ☐ Do not support ☐

Road and Pavement Repairs: to make it safe and pleasant environment for the people of Milton Keynes to live and work

d) Fix potholes and carry out minor road and pavement repairs more quickly

Support ☐ Do not support ☐

Neighbourhood Regeneration: to improve people's life chances and narrow the gap between our poorest and most affluent communities

e) Work with residents in the most deprived areas to make plans to improve their lives and their neighbourhoods

Support ☐ Do not support ☐

Activities and Facilities for Young People: to help teenagers achieve their potential and contribute into their community and enjoy their lives

f) Work with our young people to provide activities and facilities that they want

Support ☐ Do not support ☐

PART 3: Bletchley Park

English Heritage has agreed to support the maintenance of this historically important building and area. The Council will need to partly match fund the financial support provided by English Heritage, with a contribution of £60,000 in the next 2 years. How do you view this idea:

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Npower in new bid to build wind farm

BY LAURA HANNAM
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Blow to residents: Energy company Npower has submitted plans to build a 12-turbine windfarm after retracting its original 16-turbine application

AN energy company has resubmitted plans to build a wind farm north of Milton Keynes.

Npower plans to build twelve 125m-high wind turbines at Nun Wood, between the villages of Bozeat, Harrold and Lavendon.

As reported in MK NEWS previously the original plan for 16 turbines was retracted in April following protests from local residents and English Heritage.

Pressure group Bozeat and Lavendon Oppose Wind Turbines (BLOT) has slammed the plans since they were first announced in August 2006.

Family-run Lower Farm Stables, on Castle Road, has also claimed the turbines, to be built close to a historic bridleway, will decimate its business as the noise and light disturbance from the 90m blades would create a potential safety hazard.

Brian Skittrall, chairman of BLOT said: "This company has cast a long shadow over our villages for more than three years and now we find that they plan to start the process all over again. It was hard enough for people trying to sell their homes during the last application, this time the credit crunch will make it nigh on impossible.

"Our lives will be put on hold again until this is resolved."

A spokesman for Npower said that, though the number of turbines has been reduced, improvements in technology mean the revised wind farm could generate a similar amount of electricity to the original scheme, enough to meet the average annual electricity needs of between 13,700 and 15,600 homes.

The energy company has produced a newsletter, which will be delivered to local homes close to the proposed wind farm site, providing more details about the planning application.

Cath Stevenson, Npower renewables development manager said: "We take consultation responses seriously to ensure that our wind farms are sensitively designed, taking local factors into account.

"Nun Wood is an excellent site for a wind farm and has the potential to make an important contribution towards regional and national renewable energy targets.

"This revised proposal would provide enough clean, renewable electricity for thousands of homes each year, helping the UK in our challenge to take action on climate change."

The wind farm proposal straddles three local authority boundaries – Milton Keynes Council, Wellingborough and Bedford Borough Councils.

Copies of the planning application will be available for public viewing at these authorities' offices and local libraries.

A summary will also be available at www.npower-renewables.com/nunwood

Swimming pools to reopen next month

TWO city swimming pools are set to reopen next month.

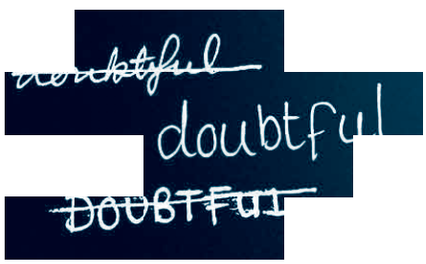
The public pools at Stantonbury School have been undergoing maintenance work and refurbishment respectively.

Swimmers are also awaiting the opening of a new pool when Bletchley's multi-million pound leisure complex is finished at the end of the year.

Milton Keynes Council said it was keen to remind people that it will keep the old leisure centre in Bletchley running until the new pool opens.

Council leisure facilities adviser, Mark McKinlay, said: "I hope that residents can bear with us while we are improving the swimming and leisure facilities across the borough. However anyone wishing to go for a swim can still use the old pool at Bletchley and the Middleton pool in Newport Pagnell."

The new leisure centre in Bletchley will include a 25 metre pool with eight lanes, sauna and steam rooms, fitness suite, exercise room and spin studio, sports hall, gymnastics hall, squash courts and indoor bowls hall.



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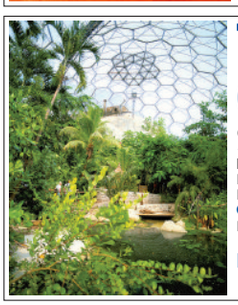

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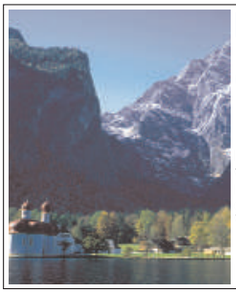

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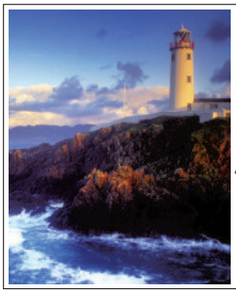

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Come to the biggest free wedding show in the region. Running from Friday, January 30 until Sunday, February 1 in Middleton Hall, next to the John Lewis Store, don't miss the fabulous Milton Keynes Wedding Show

IF you are lucky enough to be getting married in the next year or two, then this is a must show for you.

This is the region's largest Wedding Show by far, held twice a year, with possibly every supplier you need to help you plan your wedding. If you just want to browse and get advice, the very friendly exhibitors will be more than happy to help without any sales pressure. As you may have already discovered, it is a maze out there when you are hunting for everything from the perfect venue to that special dress...so much to do and organise! What about a band or disco, the cake, the flowers, the photographer, perhaps a video, the transport, the rings, the invitations&the list goes on! Well, help is at hand at the show, with around 115 exhibitors, virtually all of them local to this area.

There are competitions to enter with a £500 honeymoon voucher from Enjoy Holidays for instance and admission is free too.

One major difference that singles out this show from many others is that there are lots of different local venues exhibiting. This is the starting point of planning your wedding day, as without a venue booked, you cannot really plan much else.

This year, for the first time, there is a bridal sales room displaying dresses that are end of line at reduced prices, and you can try them on before you buy. You can find this room near the catwalk.

Throughout the 3 days, the catwalk shows displaying the dresses are always popular and a joy to watch. These are on Friday at12.45 lunchtime and 6.30pm (conveniently after work!), Saturday and Sunday at 12 midday, 2pm and 4pm. The Friday shows are different to the weekend shows, and Friday is a much quieter day to visit and have time to talk at length if you need to.

One of the unusual aspects of your day maybe a horse and carriage to arrive at the church in. This is probably the only wedding show where you can see carriages on display. Don't worry though..the horse will be in left at home in the stable!

Opening times for the show are Friday 9.30am-8pm, Saturday 9am-6pm and Sunday 11am-5pm.

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From Friday

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RACHEL GETTING MARRIED (15)

Anne Hathaway, Rosemarie DeWitt, Tunde Adebimpe, Bill Irwin, Debra Winger, Anna Deveare-Smith, Mather Zickel

From Friday

RACHEL (DeWitt) is getting married, so her extended family are getting together to prepare for the nuptials. This includes her black-sheep sister Kym (Hathaway), a former addict who's not afraid to say whatever's on her mind. Will she derail events, or bring everyone closer together?

FROST/NIXON (15)

Matthew Macfadyen, Sam Rockwell, James Reston Jr., Michael Sheen, Frank Langella, Toby Jones, Wallace Langham, Kevin Bacon

From Friday

Tom Cruise stars as Claus von Stauffenberg in Valkyrie – at a cinema near you from Friday

PROSPECTING for TV gold, nascent talkshow star David Frost (Sheen) sets up an interview with former President Nixon (Langella), intent on needling out a confession for Watergate. But the former American leader proves a more formidable foe than he counted on.

THE WRESTLER (15)

Mickey Rourke, Marisa Tomei, Evan Rachel Wood, Mark Margolis, Todd Barry

Now showing

RANDY 'The Ram' Robinson (Rourke) is a professional wrestler whose glory days are long gone. He retires, finding love (with Tomei) and making peace with his alienated daughter (Wood). But is it all too late?

SEVEN POUNDS (12A)

Will Smith, Woody Harrelson, Rosario Dawson

Now showing

HOLDING himself responsible for an accident that resulted in tragedy, IRS man Ben Thomas (Smith) sets out to help seven strangers who become part of his redemption plan.

BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (U)

Jamie Lee Curtis, Drew Barrymore, Andy Garcia

Now showing

CHLOE (Barrymore), a pampered Beverly Hills chihuahua, gets lost while on holiday in Mexico and must enlist the help of friendly pooches to escape the dognapper and get home.

FILM REVIEW THE WRESTLER

IN The Wrestler Mickey Rourke's character is a faded star of 80s grapple mania, who is now way past his prime and is forced to make a living working in the local supermarket, wearing a very unflattering hairnet and making the odd appearance here and there, re-living his past glories. (A bit like those celeb conventions they have in Middleton hall sometimes.)

He gets the chance to make one final glorious appearance but against the advice of doctors who have told him one more time in the ring could kill him.

The film follows his attempts to find a new life for himself as he struggles to come to terms with the possibility of being anything other than the thing that made him famous and has ultimately messed up both his body and mind in the process.

Much like his character in the film, people have written off Mickey Rourke for a long time, although I'm not one of them. He never stopped being a watchable actor and if you haven't seen it, his performance in Sin City a couple of years ago is nothing short of a revelation. He is just as good in this and he hold the film together with huge lumps of dignity and sadness.

The film pulls no punches and unlike Rocky there is no glory and celebration here, it's a hard film to watch and made all the more convincing by Rouke's totally believable central performance. Basically it's a great film.

Paul Stephenson

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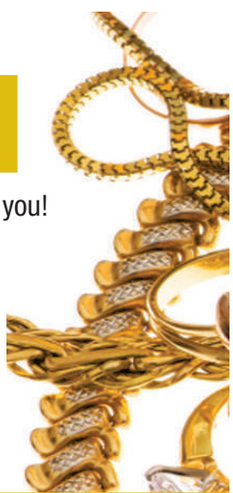

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Some like it hot – but try this Crooked Billet best seller

TASTE LIFE

CHRISTMAS was great fun and at the same time hard work and a lot of preparation.

We were as busy as ever at The Crooked Billet, with a lovely jolly Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year. Blimey, did I cook a mountain of brussels, roast parsnips, chestnut stuffing and hundreds of pigs in blankets.

So in January I look forward to cooking something other than festive food.

This dish is our biggest seller on the January menu. It's easy to make, is not a hot curry and unlike many curries does not involve a lot of ingredients. The dessert of mandarins with honey ricotta is a real palate cleanser so is great after the curry

I thought I would start to include ingredients that are in season and at their best. If you buy seasonal ingredients they will be cheaper. So look out for the following in the supermarket and on restaurant menus. Happy cooking. **Emma**

MILD SWORDFISH & KING PRAWN CURRY
Serves 4

Ingredients
4 x 5/6 0z swordfish steaks or any other meaty white fish.
12 king prawns either whole ones with heads on or the frozen tiger prawns are fine.
_ pint double cream
1 tbsp mild curry powder
_ fish stock cube
1 shallot or small onion
1 plum tomato (seeds removed and diced)
Small bunch chopped coriander

Method
1. In a non stick pan add 1 tsp vegetable oil, season the swordfish and prawns.
2. When the pan is hot sear the swordfish for 1 minute on each side.
3. Remove on to a plate or tray and put to one side.
4. Wipe the pan out add 1 tsp veg oil, add the onion an d cook until soft, add the curry powder and stir it in to the onions. Cook for 1 minute(, don't have the pan too hot or it will catch.)
5. Add the cream and fish powder, and gently bring up to the boil, taste the sauce and check for seasoning . Turn down to a gentle simmer.
6. put the prawns and swordfish into the pan and cook for 5 minutes. The fish won't take long at all. After 5 minutes sprinkle with the tomato and chopped coriander.
7. Serve on warmed plates.I like to serve this with saffron or coriander rice and a cucumber, mint and spring onion salad with lime juice for a little freshness.

VANILLA POACHED MANDARIN WITH HONEYED RICOTTA
Serves 4

Ingredients
4 Mandarins
250g/9oz white caster sugar or granulated sugar
200ml/7fl oz hot water
Vanilla Pod
For the honeyed ricotta
400g/14oz ricotta
1 tbsp runny honey
icing sugar (optional)
50g/2oz flaked almonds, lightly toasted on a baking sheet in a moderate oven for ten minutes

Method
1. Peel the Mandarins.
2. Put the water and sugar in a pan. Split open the vanilla pod, scrape out the seed and put the seeds and pod in the water.
3. Bring to a gentle simmer
4. Put the whole peeled mandarins in the simmering water
5. Meanwhile, make the honeyed ricotta. In a clean bowl, beat the ricotta with the honey, then taste. If you'd like it sweeter add either a little icing sugar, if the honey has a strong flavour, or a little more honey if it's mild. Fold two-thirds of the almonds into the cream.
12. To serve place the warm mandarin on a plate, put a good dollop of ricotta on the top. Sprinkle with the remaining almonds and pour over a little of the cooking liquor.

MEET THE CHEF

Emma Gilchrist is the head chef and owner of the multi-award winning Crooked Billet pub restaurant in Newton Longeville. Call 373936 for bookings.

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It is so swift, their PR people claimed, that you could literally go there for a day – even just to do your shopping.

So we decided to put their claim to the test.

We left Milton Keynes Central station at 6.55am on a Virgin train. After a ten minute walk down Euston Road we were at the revamped St Pancras International (you are advised to get there 45 minutes before your train departs), boarding the Eurostar ready for the 8.30am departure.

It whisked us into Paris Gare du Nord by 11.15am. In fact, it took an extra 20 minutes due to the recent fire in the Channel Tunnel. Still, that is nothing to complain about when you have left Milton Keynes, city of dreams, at 7am and can be in the city of love before lunch time.

We went straight to the Sacre-Coeur on the Metro having spent a very worthwhile 8.50 Euros on an all day underground pass. It was just a few stops to Anvers in Montmartre – and more than a few steps up the hill to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Top: St Pancras rail station. Centre: Sacre-Coeur. Above: Arc de Triomphe

This church is an attraction not only for the way it looks, but for what is looks upon: a panorama of Paris.

But there was not time to linger on the famous steps, only to grab a crepe and hop back on the Metro to that giant ornate pylon, the Eiffel Tower. With no time to go up it, we stood and appreciated its intricacy from below.

We were then lured towards the nearby Seine, the river that runs through the city, and onto an hour-long boat trip. For a very reasonable 11 Euros we were taken all the way down to Notre Dame and back, and allowed us to tick off the sightseeing must-sees – Louvre, Musee d'Orsay, Grand Palais – without having to move a muscle.

Using our map we took a walk up to the Champs-Elysses, the famous multiple-lane road topped by a roundabout which puts all of Milton Keynes' to shame: the Arc de Triomphe.

Our stroll became more of a power walk when we realised we still had to eat dinner and get back to the Gare du Nord. But we managed to find somewhere fairly cheap in the Latin Quarter.

We were back at the Gard du Nord in readiness for our 7.30pm train which swept us back to London for 10pm and into Milton Keynes by 11.30 – and in bed by midnight.

Mission accomplie.

Afterwards it seemed strange to have seen, in just one afternoon, the Sacre-Coeur, Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame, Arc de Triomphe and Louvre in a whirlwind of familiar landmarks.

These jam-packed eight hours in picturesque Paris were like watching the frantic French film Amelie on fastforward. But it is a film I would re-enact.

JESSICA CUNNIFFE

■ Tickets are available from eurostar.com or 08705 186 186.
■ To see the video of the day, go to: www.mk-news.co.uk

TELLY **LIFE**

THERE is no better time to settle down infront of the telly than on a cold January night.

So what will be warming our cockles over the coming week?

For those of you unaware, ER is back enjoying its ninth and final series. **Channel 4, Thursday 9pm.**

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Love it or hate it Big Brother continues to roll on and those addicted to the latest 'celebrity' show will be overjoyed to hear that its the Live Final. **Channel 4, Friday 8.30pm.**

The Beeb will be hoping for a ratings winner this week with the return of Friday Night with Jonathan Ross.

Wossy returns after his high profile three-month suspension following the Russell Brand/Andrew Sachs scandal.

Will he mention it or not? Probably not, but millions of us are bound to tune in to see. **BBC 1, Friday 10.35pm.**

Footy fans are in for a treat this week as there is a host of FA Cup action on the box.

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SIMON DARNELL

ULYSSES
Franz Ferdinand

WELL, this is very different to how things used to be – mind you, that could apply to these words as much as Franz Ferdinand's comeback single.

As you might've seen last week, this column's been given a minor refit, which basically means I'm saying the same old things as before, but thanks to the lovely new typeface it'll at least look as though I'm saying it with more authority.

The changes run deeper with Franz Ferdinand, though.

Take Me Out and Do You Want To were from the same stable, but this isn't even from the same farm, it's such a departure.

For one thing, Ulysses is a grubby little song with dirt under its fingernails and last night's kebab still staining its shirt.

It's not the sort of song that'd be jumping around like an idiot, oh no, this one waits down poorly lit side streets, watches people being mugged for their mobile phones and chuckles quietly as it does so.

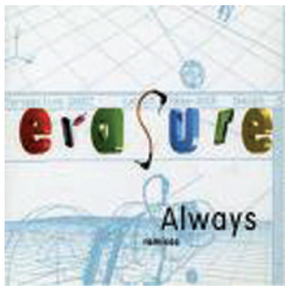
It's also the first song Franz Ferdinand have done that I had to listen to several times before I decided whether or not I actually liked it.

As for the result of that particular investigation, I'll give you the result later, not because I want to build up the tension or anything.

Now, if you can imagine Franz Ferdinand at full pelt, then embarking upon a mammoth recording session that takes up several days with no time for kips – if they did something like that, something like this would be the very last song completed. It sounds like a band that's grown weary and tired (Alex Kapranos even whispers some of his lines) and have gradually brought the tone of the song down over time

Yet simultaneously it's full of energy, like everyone concerned knows it's the last song to tick off the list and if they nail it, they can all go home. That's what Ulysses sounds like, and it's probably nowhere near how it was actually made, but there you go, that's dramatic licence in action right there.

ALWAYS
Erasure



IT'S not quite the original, but it's not an out and out overhaul either.

Jeremy Wheatley's the fellow responsible for bringing this song the short distance into the 21st Century from its original home on the mean streets of 1994, and his approach has been very simple.

Essentially, what he's done is try and guess what Always would sound like if it was recorded now, and as Erasure's forward momentum was brought to a halt in 1997 (when the dismal Cowboy album was released) he only had to guess three years into the future rather than fifteen.

Quite why Always is the track they've chosen is a mystery; it's a nice song, but songs like Chorus and Drama! lend themselves far better to eager remixers. Just my opinion, mind. However, as updates go this isn't bad at all.

All the swirly noises sound dated and out of place, but quite honestly they did that the first time round too so Mr Wheatley had himself a no-lose situation here.

Of course, history tells us that when an ancient Erasure single gets remixed that means there's a Best Of on the horizon; I'd tell you to keep an eye out for it, but seeing as there are only about three music shops left on the planet that could be rather difficult.

Oh, and by the way – Ulysses? Very good song indeed. There, I think that covers everything.

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Next up is Henning Wehn the German Comedy Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

This is not the easiest of jobs because the Germans allegedly do not have a sense of humour. Henning does not find that funny. He took office in October 2003 after watching an open mic night that left him convinced that he would do better.

Noel Britten has achieved a rare comedy first – a place in all the top British tourist guide books as must do place to visit. This is not because he his such a big star but because his Bizarre Bath comedy tours of his home City of Bath have won a place in all the tourist guides and the BBC's Holiday Show.

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DAILY LIFE

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Steak (8oz Sirloin) with Chips, Mushrooms & Salad	9.00
Large Doner Kebab	4.50
Small Doner Kebab	3.50

PIZZA MENU
(ADDITIONAL TOPPINGS £1)

Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawn, Anchovies, Chicken, Beef, Sausage, Bacon, Pineapple, Ham, Salami, Pepperoni, Chicken Tikka, Olives, Mushrooms, Corn, Onions, Pepper, Garlic, Jalepeno, BBQ Sauces	9" Standard	12" Standard	12" Deep Pan Mega	Extra Lg 15" Standard
1. PAPA LUIGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Mushrooms, Salami, Peppers, Olives, Anchovies	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
2. MILANESE Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Mushrooms	9.50	10.50	12.00	15.00
3. HAWAIIAN Tomato, Cheese, Ham, Pineapple	9.50	10.50	12.00	15.00
4. HOT & SPICY Tomato, Cheese, Peppers, Jalepeno, Salami, Garlic	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
5. VEGI SPECIAL Tomato, Cheese, Peppers, Corn, Mushrooms, Pineapple, Olives, Onion	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
6. PESTATORE Tomato, Cheese, Tuna, Prawns, Anchovies	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
7. NEW YORKER Tomato, Cheese, Onion, Salami, Beef, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
8. MIGHTY MEATY Tomato, Cheese, Salami, Beef, Chicken, Ham, Bacon, Sausage	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
9. CHICKEN TIKKA MASSALA Tomato, Cheese, Chicken Tikka, Onions, Pepper	10.30	12.00	14.00	17.00
10. MEAT LOVERS Tomato, Cheese, Double Salami, double Pepperoni, Double Ham, Double Beef	12.00	14.00	16.00	19.00
11. BBQ BONANZA Cheese, BBQ Sauce, Red Onion, Spicy Beef, Sausage	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
12. TEXAN BBQ Tomato, Cheese, Onion, Peppers, BBQ Chicken, Bacon	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00
13. PEPPERONI FEAST Double Mozzarella, Double Pepperoni	9.80	11.00	13.00	16.00

SIDE ORDERS

French Fries	1.20
Coleslaw	1.40
Garlic Bread	1.50
Garlic Bread with Mozzarella Topping	2.50
Prawn Cocktail	2.70
Garlic Mushrooms	1.70
Salad	1.50
Chicken Dippers (6pcs)	3.00
Combo Chicken Dipper (6pcs) Potato Wedges & 3 Dips	4.90
Potato Wedges	2.00
Dips 2 Potato Skins filled with Mozzarella & BBQ Dip	0.35
BBQ Chicken Wings (6pcs) & Dip	3.50
Hot Chicken Wings (6pcs) & Dip	3.50
Onion Rings (10pcs)	2.00
NEW BBQ Spare Ribs	4.50

DESSERTS

Cheesecake	1.50
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8	TASTY VEGGIE Onion, Mushroom, Sweetcorn, Peppers, Olives & Tomatos	9.50	12.50	15.50
9	MEAT FEAST Beef, Pepperoni, Turkey & Chicken Tikka	9.50	12.50	15.50
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TOPPINGS

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Stuffed Edge with Cheese/with cheese & Pepperoni/ with Garlic & Herbs	£1.00	£1.20	£1.40

Extra Toppings

Create your own pizza by using a Cheese and Tomato as a base then add your choice of toppings from the following £0.90 £1.00 £1.10

Meat Toppings	Chicken Toppings	Seafood Toppings	Vegetable Toppings
Pepperoni, Salami	Tandoori Chicken	Tuna	Pineapple, Mushrooms,
Garlic Sausage	Chinese Chicken	Anchovies	Sweetcorn, Green Peppers
Smokey Sausage	Plain Chicken	Prawns	Red peppers, Onions,
Ham, Spicy Pork	Mexican Chicken		Fresh Tomato, Green Chillies
Beef			Aubergine, Fresh Garlic,
			Jalapeno peppers, Black
			Olives, Spinach, Broccoli

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Pototo Skins (5pcs) with cheese	£4.95	Jalapeno Peppers Cream cheese (6pcs)	£3.95
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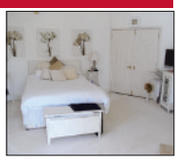
* Three en suites and family bathroom * Balcony to the rear enjoying stunning lake views
* Electrically operated wrought iron gated access * Substantial private driveway.

Walton Park — Guide Price £450,000



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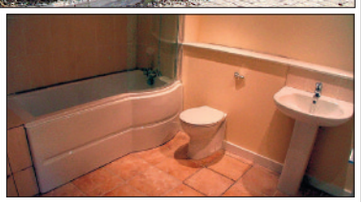

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A three bedroom town house with fantastic master bedroom taking up the entire top floor. All bedrooms have wardrobes and outside there is a single garage. Situated on the North edge of Milton Keynes with quick access to Stony Stratford and Wolverton including train station.

GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY £194,950

Set on a canal side development on the fringe of South Milton Keynes. Rarely available 3 double bedroom home with a south facing garden. Ideally located with great access to Leighton Buzzard or the A5 South. The development is flanked by countryside, offering a very peaceful retreat.

CANAL SIDE DEVELOPMENT £259,950

Set on a canal side development on the fringe of South Milton Keynes. A striking link detached home with four double bedrooms, two en suites and generous living accommodation. Ideally located with great access to Leighton Buzzard or the A5 South. The development is flanked by countryside, offering a very peaceful retreat.

SITUATED NEAR TRAIN STATION £199,000

This mid terrace 3 bedroom property offers great flexibility with 3 double bedrooms, allocated parking and a garage on one of the two plots. This property boasts a kitchen/diner plus utility and a further 2 reception rooms. Arrange a viewing now!

READY NOW!! £244,950

Great location for this 4 bedroom terrace home with South facing garden and a garage. Boasting a traditional 2 storey layout with separate dining room and a kitchen breakfast. Ready now! Key in office. Situated in West Milton Keynes with Shenley Brook End school catchments.

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Loughton £57,500

* Three bedroom semi detached house offered on the popular shared ownership scheme
* Gas to radiator heating
* Entrance hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Bedroom three/study
* First floor landing

Neath Hill OIEO £160,000

* Three/Four Bedroom Townhouse
* Entrance Hall
* Cloakroom
* Kitchen
* Dining Room
* Lounge
* Off Road Parking & Garage
* Gardens

Walnut Tree OIEO £169,995

* Three Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Entrance Hall
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Lounge & Kitchen
* Dining Room
* Conservatory
* Garage & Gardens

Beanhill £34,995

* Two bedroom terraced house
* Offered on the popular shared ownership scheme
* Entrance hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* First floor landing
* Bathroom
* Gardens and off road parking

Coffee Hall £185,000

* 3 Bedrooms * Detached Bungalow
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* Mid Terrace
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* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Conservatory
* Off Road Parking

Bletchley

* Three Bedroom New Home Property
* Mid-Terraced
* Three Double Bedrooms
* Kitchen/Diner
* Utility
* Further two Reception Rooms
* Allocated Parking
* Garage

Bletchley

* Two Bedroom Apartment
* Shared Ownership
* Situated in the South of MK
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Off Road Parking

Walnut Tree

* Two bedroom masionette
* Entrance
* Refitted kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Allocated parking

Emerson Valley

* Four bedroom detached property
* Gas to radiator heating
* Double glazing
* Conservatory
* Entrance hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen/dining room
* Bathroom

Monkston Park

* Four Bedroom New Home Property
* Terraced
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Four Double Bedrooms
* Three Bath/Shower Rooms
* Allocated Parking
* Gardens

West Bletchley £154,995

* Three Bedrooms
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Entrance Porch
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Conservatory
* Bathroom
* Off Road Parking

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Shenley Brook End £202,000

* Four bedroom detached
* Entrance hall,
* Cloakroom,
* Lounge,
* Dining room
* Kitchen,
* Utility room,
* Bathroom

Two Mile Ash £90,000

* One bedroom maisonette
* Entrance hall
* First floor landing
* Lounge
* Bedroom
* Lobby
* Separate kitchen
* Bathroom

Bradwell £99,995

* One bedroom end of terraced house.
* Situated in the popular location of Bradwell Village having a wealth of character including the picturesque local church, local village public houses and cricket green
* Entrance hall
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Gardens and off road parking.

Bradwell £150,000

* Three bedroom semi detached property
* Built sometime in the 1930's
* Separate reception rooms
* Period fireplaces
* Large rear garden measuring approx 150ft
* The property is in need of some modernisation but does have the potential to extend subject to relevant planning permission.

Pennyland £102,000

* Three bedroom within the location of Pennyland.
* The property in brief comprises;
* Entrance hall
* Cloakroom
* Kitchen/diner
* Lounge
* Family bathroom
* Off road parking

Bradville OIEO £145,000

* Three Bedroom Property
* Semi-Detached
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Gardens

Shenley Church End £107,000

* One bedroom ground floor maisonette
* Double Glazing and Gas to Radiator Heating
* Entrance Hall
* Lounge
* Dinning area
* Kitchen
* Bedroom
* Bathroom

Broughton OIEO £135,000

* 2 Double Bedrooms * Luxury apartment
* Lounge/Diner * Kitchen/Breakfast
* En-Suite * Family Bathroom
* Allocated Parking Space
* No Upper Chain
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Loughton £179,995

* Four bedroom end of terrace townhouse.
* Entrance hall
* Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* First floor landing
* Three bedrooms
* Bathroom

Broughton £149,995

* Two bedroom luxury apartment
* Allocated off road parking and balcony area
* Central heating
* Double glazing
* Family bathroom
* Open plan living accommodation
* No upper chain

Great LinfordOIEO £160,000

*Four bedrooms
*Downstairs cloakroom
*Separate lounge
*Kitchen/diner
*Enclosed rear garden
*Double Glazed
*Off road parking

Old Farm Park OIEO £390,000

* Five Bedroom Detached Property
* In Our Opinion Well Presented
* Situated on a Corner Plot
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Study & Utility Room
* Two En-Suites
* Gardens
* Double Garage

Mr C urgently requires a 3 bed in CMK up to £150,000. Can you help? Call us on 01908 678151.

Willen £114,995

* Three Bedroom Detached
* Entrance Porch
* Study/Third Bedroom
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Gardens
* Driveway & Garage

Mr C urgently requires a 2 bed in Shenley Church End. Can you help? Call us on 01908 678151.

Tattenhoe £275,000

* Four Bedroom Detached Property
* Gas to Radiator Heating
* Double Glazing
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Utility Room
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Gardens
* Double Garage

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Shenley Church End Guide Price £235,000

* Four Bedroom Detached Property
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Kitchen/Dining Room
* Utility & Conservatory
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Driveway to Single Garage
* Call to view on 01908 524456!

'Scotts' £147,500

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi-detached
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Lounge
* Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
* Utility Room
* Family Room

'Scotts' OIEO £160,000

* Three Bedrooms
* End of Terrace
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Entrance Porch
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Conservatory
* Off Road Parking

Oakhill Guide Price £199,995

* Four Bedroom Townhouse
* In Our Opinion "Well Presented"
* Open Plan Living Area
* Conservatory
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage
* Call to view on 01908 524456!

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'Racecourses' £159,995

* Three Bedrooms
* End of Terrace
* Central Heating
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Off Road Parking
* Gardens
* Garage

Bow Brickhill £179,995

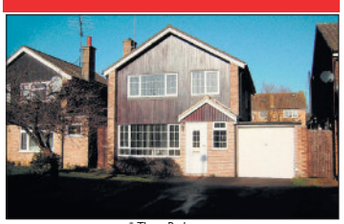
* Two Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached
* Double Glazing
* Central Heating
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Garage
* Gardens

WANT ONE OF THESE?

Westcroft Guide Price £220,000

* Four Bedroom Link-Detached
* Downstairs Cloakroom
* Kitchen
* Lounge/Diner
* Master Bedroom with En-Suite
* Front & Rear Landscaped Gardens
* Driveway providing ORP
* Garage

'Poets' £185,000



* Three Bedrooms
* Detached Property
* Double Glazing
* Central Heating
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Utility Room
* Conservatory
* Garage

Little Brickhill £135,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi-Detached
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Gardens

Furzton £172,995

* Three Bedroom Property
* Link-Detached
* Re-fitted Kitchen
* Dining Room
* Conservatory
* Shingled Frontage
* Rear Garden
* Converted Garage

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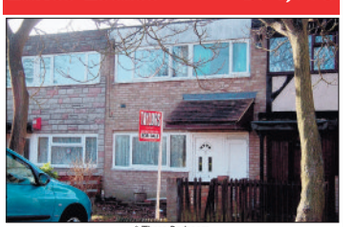
Lakes Estate £74,995



* Three Bedroom
* Mid Terrace
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Gardens

Newton LongvilleGuide Price £140,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi-detached
* Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Lounge/Diner
* Kitchen
* Bathroom
* Gardens

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New Bradwell £144,995

* Three bedrooms * Well presented
* Victorian property * Refitted kitchen
* Refitted bathroom * Separate receptions
* Rear garden * 01908 312623

Greenleys £149,995

* Three bedrooms * Detached
* Gas to radiator heating
* Double glazing * Front & rear gardens
* Garage * 01908 312623

Stony Stratford £142,500

* Well Presented
* Three Bedroom
* Semi Detached Home
* Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Off Road Parking

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* Very Well Presented
* Three Bedroom
* Character Cottage
* Refitted Kitchen
* Cloakroom
* Large Garden
* Call 01908 563825 to View!

Wolverton £150,000

*Three Bedrooms
*Dining Area
*Kitchen
*Conservatory
*Refitted Bathroom
*Off Road Parking
*Rear Garden
*NO UPPER CHAIN!

New Bradwell £124,995

*Two Bedrooms
*Entrance Hall
*Lounge
*Dining Room
*Kitchen
*Upstairs Bathroom
*Rear Garden
*Viewing Highly Recommended!

Stony Stratford £325,000

* An Extremely Well Presented
* Rarely Available Three Bedroom
* 1930's Style Semi Detached Home
* Refitted Kitchen and Bathroom
* Two Garages and Garden
* Must Be Viewed!

Wolverton £199,995

* Four bedrooms * Spacious living accommodation
* Extended semi detached 1930s property
* Refitted kitchen * Refitted bathroom
* Conservatory * Ensuite
* Front & rear gardens * Off road parking

Wolverton Mill O.I.E.O £175,000

* Three bedrooms * Double glazing
* Gas to radiator heating * Cloakroom
* Ensuite to master bedroom
* Front and rear gardens * Single garage
* Off road parking * 01908 312623

Hanslope £194,995

* Spacious Three/Four Bedroom
* Semi Detached Home
* Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
* Garage and Garden
* Viewing Recommended

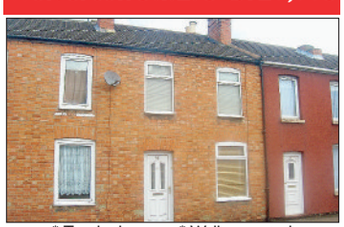
Hill Top £175,000

* Well Presented * Three Bedroom
* Detached Property
* Situated On A Good Size Plot
* Gas Radiator Heating * Utility Room
* Garage * No Upper Chain

Greenleys O.I.E.O £144,995

* Three bedrooms * Semi detached
* Well presented * Refitted bathroom
* Gas to radiator heating * Double glazing
* Front and rear gardens * Single garage
* Off road parking * 01908 312623

WolvertonO.I.E.O £129,995



* Two bedrooms * Well presented
* Victorian property * Gas to radiator heating
* Double glazing * Front and rear gardens
* Single garage * Driveway * Off road parking

Two Mile Ash £184,995

* Two/Three Bedrooms
* Link-Detached
* En-Suite * Conservatory
* Cul-De-Sac * Off Road Parking
* Double Glazing
* Must Be Viewed

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Newport Pagnell £166,500

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Olney £189,950

* Three Bedroom Semi * Extended * Much Improved * Three Reception Rooms * Utility Room * Off Road Parking For Several Cars * Rear Garden * 01234 713333

Stoke Goldington £329,950

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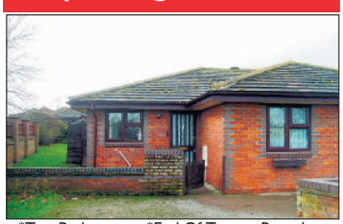
Newport Pagnell £159,995



*Two Bedrooms *End Of Terrace Bungalow *Double Glazing *Spacious Rooms *Corner Plot style Garden *Off Road Parking *Viewing Highly Recommended!

Green Park £139,995

* Two bedrooms * Gas to radiator heating * Double glazing* Separate receptions * Rear garden * 01908 611966

Olney £289,950

* Four bedrooms * Extremely well presented * Cul-de-sac location * Bay fronted lounge * Gas to radiator heating * Double glazing * Ensuite to master bedroom * Enclosed rear garden * Single garage * 01234 713333

Bozeat £149,995

* 2 Bedrooms * Bay fronted lounge * Dining room * Re-fitted kitchen * Two double bedrooms * En suite to master * Front & Rear gardens * Call Now On 01234 713333

Newport Pagnell £95,000

*One Bedroom *Entrance Hall *Lounge/Diner *Inner Hallway *Kitchen *Gas to Radiator Heating *Communal Gardens

North Crawley £299,995

* Well presented * Four bedrooms * Detached cottage bungalow * Prime location * Generous plot * Stunning views over fields * LPG to radiator heating * Off road parking * 01908 611966

Olney £167,995

* 3 Bedrooms * End Of Terrace * Kitchen * Lounge/Diner * Bathroom * Rear Garden * Double glazing * Gas to radiator Heating * 01234 713333

Lavendon £179,950

* Four bedrooms * Semi detached * Conservatory * Ensuite WC to master * Two separate reception rooms * Integral garage * NO UPPER CHAIN * 01234 713333

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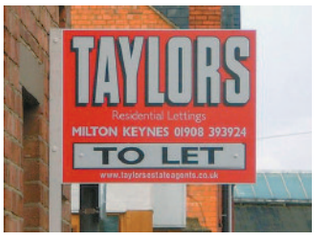

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Bletchley £650

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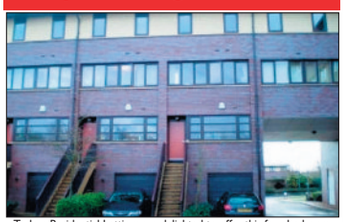
Campbell Heights £1,150



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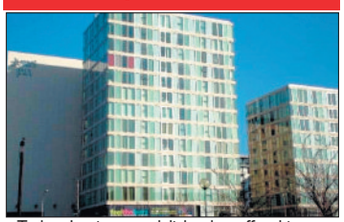
Milton Keynes £900

Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this brand new two bedroom apartment situated in the exciting 'Vizion' development of Central Milton Keynes. The property comprises two double bedrooms, ensuite to master and a balcony with views overlooking the communal gardens and to the train station. The property is offered unfurnished but can be furnished if necessary and is available immediately. View now to avoid disappointment!

Milton Keynes £725



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Stony Stratford £750

Taylors Lettings are delighted to offer this well presented three bedroom property situated near the popular area of Stony Stratford. The property is offered with optional furnishing and is available immediately!

Monkston Park £800

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Broughton £750

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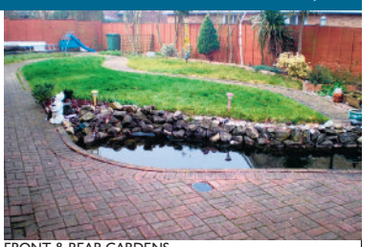

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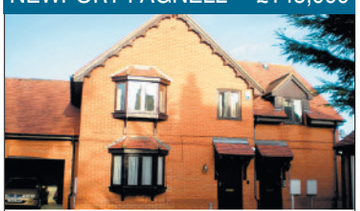

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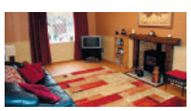

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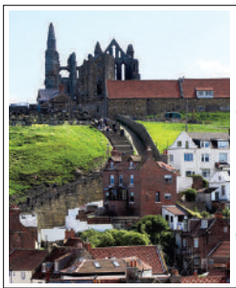

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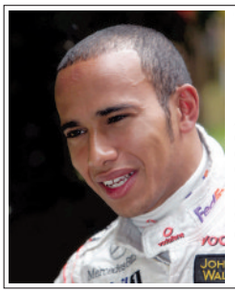

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Lesley Arkin Optometrist used each of their six window boxes for a different interpretation: Angel Islington, Angel Delight, Angel Cake, Hells Angels, Angel of the North and Robby Williams Angels.

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Runners up J S Cowley Funeral Directors placed their angel in a bath tub, with a pair of wings hanging on a line and the slogan 'Not tonight Gabrielle I'm washing my wings'.

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To register your place call 0800 090 1629. Or find out more and register online at www.actioncoachfcc.com, under the Events tab 'Survive and Thrive'. Seven MasterClasses will be running through February to April.

Redundancy pack keeps firms on right side of law

AS the recession forces local companies to make redundancies one company has launched a new package to help businesses implement the difficult decisions on reducing staff.

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Tollers' director and employment law specialist Gary Tait says: "When staff numbers are being cut it's bound to be a difficult time, but firms of all sizes can avoid making a bad situation even worse by ensuring the procedure of redundancy is carried out in a correct and compliant manner.

"This will avoid possible repercussions, including unfair dismissal proceedings and bad feeling within a company. Furthermore, all organisations are obliged by law to act within employment law guidelines."

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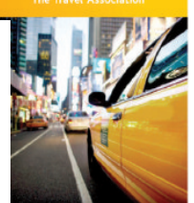

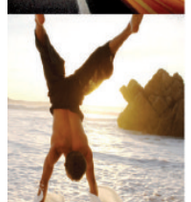

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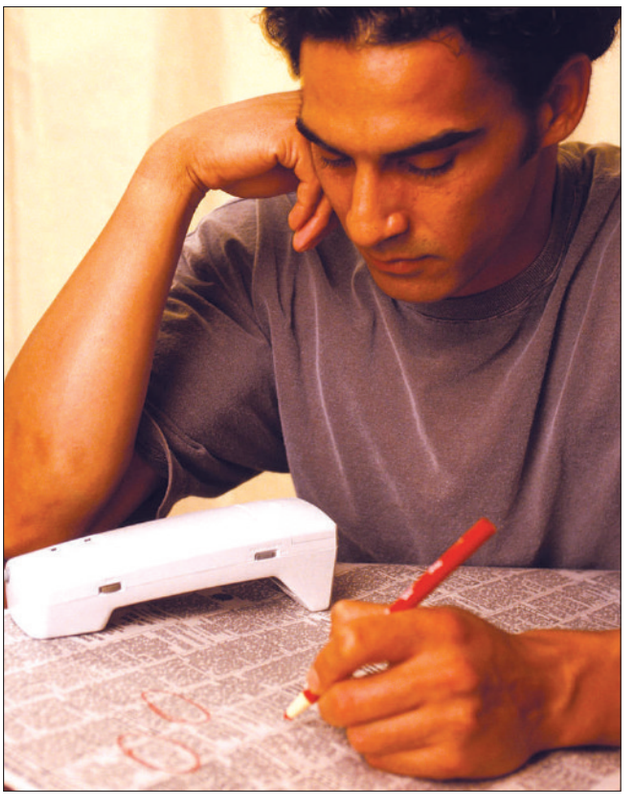

BE flexible is the message to employees in 2009.

This month is traditionally the start of the great escape, when thousands of workers start trawling the marketplace for better jobs and bigger salaries.

But the current global financial meltdown has sparked a 'New Year, same job' mentality with one in three people admitting that they would have been looking for a new job if the country wasn't in the midst of a recession.

So now workers are looking at moving into new sectors not affected by the current problems which are actually enjoying a growth spurt.

Eighty per cent of the 2,000 workers polled considered themselves lucky to have a stable job at the moment.

The study, carried out by NESTA, the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts, also revealed that half of employees will now work harder to do better in their current job amid the uncertainty which lies ahead.

Jonathan Kestenbaum, NESTA's chief executive said: "Employees have decided that, where they can, they are going to sit tight, work harder and try to ride out the recession."

However, employees recognise that they need a Plan B. As such over 50 per cent of workers would now be prepared to pay for their own training to secure employment, and 80 per cent would consider transferring their existing skills to more buoyant sectors of the economy.

> It is testament to the flexibility of UK employees that they are prepared to learn new skills to remain in employment
>
> **Jonathan Kestenbaum, chief executive of National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts**

"Amidst all the doom, there are actually growth sectors of the economy which require new skills and talent including digital industries and low carbon technologies," added Mr Kestenbaum.

"It is testament to the flexibility of UK employees that they are prepared to learn new skills to remain in employment."

The poll revealed that in normal circumstances, the New Year would usually be a time to make life-changing decisions for 55 per cent of folk.

But 68 per cent of those surveyed who have dependents feel that, in light of the economic downturn, they have absolutely no choice but to weather the storm and stick with their jobs for the sake of themselves and their loved ones.

This means that four in 10 people are settling for second best, remaining in jobs which they don't enjoy.

Half of Britain's employees have resigned themselves to working their way up within the same company, striving for any available promotions and pay rises.

But 2009 will be a worrying time for employees – 31 per cent have experienced redundancies within their company already, and 38 per cent are seriously worried about losing their job in the next 12 months.

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For an application form and further particulars please contact our school office on: 01908 605605 or email brooksward@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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For informal enquiries please contact Jo Hooper on 01908 254431.

Closing date: 6 February 2009.

Interviews date: 23 February 2009.

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Interview date: 24 February 2009.

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Closing date: 13 February 2009.

Interviews: w/k comm. 23 February 2009.

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Conniburrow **Ref: 50016302/MKN**

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For informal enquiries please contact Tony Daniels on 0750 8015103 or Charlotte Davies on 07852 723699.

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For informal enquiries please contact Anita Johnston on 01908 391000.

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For informal enquiries please contact Paul Barton on 01908 252772 or Michael Duffy on 01908 252775.

Closing date: 6 February 2009.

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£17,574 - £21,244 **Ref: 50019999/MKN**

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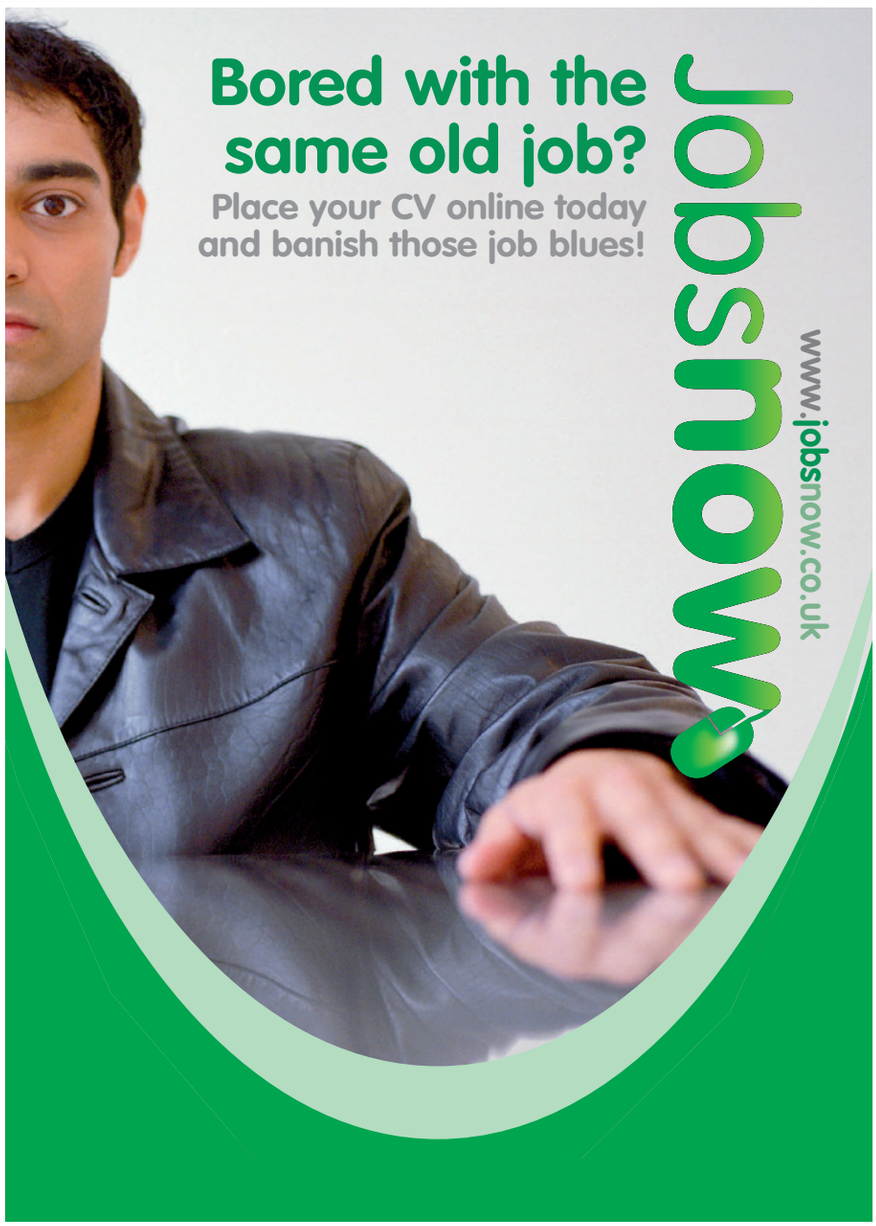

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It is expected that the works would take place on, or after, Thursday 19 February 2009 and would continue for approximately 23 months. The Order would come into force on 16 February 2009 and continue until the work is completed.

The effect of the Order would be to -

1. Impose a 40 miles an hour speed limit on the A421 from the centre point of its roundabout junction with the M1 at Junction 13 to a point 1 kilometre east of the A421 interchange with the A6;
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PAULINE mid 50's, attractive, young looking, likes holidays, honest, caring, genuine, seeks similar guy for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 282688**

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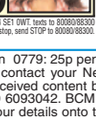

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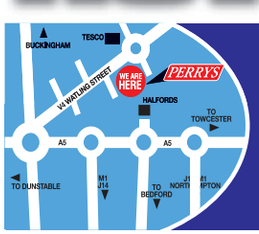

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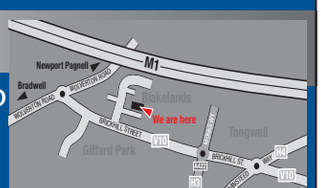

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16	Northampton	H	1-0
23	Huddersfield	A	3-1
26	Cardiff (CC)	A	1-2
30	Swindon	H	1-2

September

6	Yeovil	H	3-0
13	Oldham	A	0-2
20	Colchester	A	3-0
27	Peterborough	H	1-2

October

4	Millwall	A	4-0
7	Bournemouth JPT	H	0-1
11	Carlisle	H	3-1
18	Crewe	A	1-1
21	Stockport	H	1-2
25	Cheltenham	H	3-1
28	Leyton Orient	A	2-1

November

1	Tranmere	H	1-0
8	Bradford (FAC)	H	1-2
15	Hartlepool	A	3-1
22	Walsall	A	3-0
25	Hereford	H	3-0

December

6	Scunthorpe	H	0-2
12	Brighton	A	4-2
20	Leeds	H	3-1
26	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
28	Southend	H	2-0

January

3	Peterborough	A	P-P
12	Colchester	H	1-1
17	Carlisle	A	2-3
20	Peterborough	A	0-0
24	Millwall	H	P-P
27	Leyton Orient	H	
31	Cheltenham	A	

February

3	Stockport	A
7	Crewe	H
14	Hartlepool	H
21	Tranmere	A
28	Leicester	H

March

3	Northampton	A
7	Swindon	A
10	Huddersfield	H
14	Oldham	H
17	Millwall	H
21	Yeovil	A
28	Leeds	A

April

4	Brighton	H
10	Southend	A
13	Bristol Rovers	H
18	Scunthorpe	A
25	Walsall	H

May

2	Hereford	A

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Double goalscorer Aaron Wilbraham gets above David Raven

Sean O'hanlon heads clear in the Dons defence

'We threw it away' - boss

CARLISLE UNITED 3
Graham 46, Thirwell 65, Anyinsah 77

MK DONS 2
Wilbraham 15,40

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AS football cliches go 'it was a game of two halves' is a fairly obvious one but it turned out to be a costly lesson for MK Dons.

Cruising at half-time with a two goal lead the Dons left Carlisle with their tails between their legs on the wrong end of a 3-2 score line.

Boss Roberto Di Matteo pulled no punches on his views of the Dons' collapse.

"I'm quite angry because we've thrown the game away," Di Matteo said.

"We had a great first half, put ourselves in a fantastic position and threw it away in the second half."

Three goals in thirty-one minutes sealed a remarkable comeback by Carlisle as the game slipped away from the Dons.

The visitors had gone into the changing rooms at half-time in a fine position thanks to Aaron Wilbraham's double.

Wilbraham extended his goalscoring form to six in five games with an awkward strike from a Jemal Johnson cross and a low slot into the net from inside the box.

Any thoughts at the break were likely to be those of just how many goals the Dons could add to their tally.

But highly-rated Danny Graham inspired the fightback for the Cumbrians when he breached the Dons' defence 44 seconds into the restart.

Graham caught Miguel Llera cold to fire in a tight angled shot past Willy Gueret and pull Carlisle back to within a goal of the Dons.

Di Matteo said: "If you concede in the first minute of the second half you know you're in for quite a game. We made some individual mistakes which is quite unusual for us and it cost us the game.

"The first goal they scored turned it round a little bit but still we were in the game, we could have held onto it. We have to look at ourselves."

Another defensive error handed Carlisle the equaliser when Graham Kavanagh's free-kick just inside the Dons' half was cleared to the edge of the box which ultimately teed-up Paul Thirwell.

Carlisle's skipper rifled the shot through the box and, although Gueret managed to get his palm to the ball, the couldn't stop it going in.

The home side were not about to settle for a point – Joe Anyinsah had been on the pitch for five minutes when he drove a right-footed effort goal bound with a late deflection beating Gueret.

The shell-shocked Dons may have stolen a late point when Wilbraham shot over from close range.

Di Matteo added: "Every game is a tough game, nothing is given, you see surprises every weekend so we just have to keep going on, look at every game and keep doing our best. That's all we can do."

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> – Roberto Di Matteo

CARLISLE UNITED: Kurl, Raven, Livesey, Murphy, Graham, Thirwell (c), Taylor, Kavanagh, Dobie (Anyinsah 72), Liddle, Smith (Hackney 28).
Booked: Graham, Liddle, Kavanagh, Livesey.
MK DONS: Gueret, Cummings, O'Hanlon, Llera. Lewington (c), Wright, Leven, Navarro, Wright (Sturm 72), Wilbraham, Baldock.
Booked: Wilbraham, Navarro.
Referee: Mr A Haines
Attendance: 6,298

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	HOME W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leicester	25	10	2	1	25	7	7	4	1	23	12	29	57
2	**MK Dons**	**26**	**8**	**1**	**4**	**23**	**12**	**8**	**2**	**3**	**28**	**15**	**24**	**51**
3	Peterborough	25	8	4	1	25	11	5	4	3	21	19	16	47
4	Millwall	24	9	3	1	18	10	5	2	4	16	16	8	47
5	Oldham	26	7	5	1	26	12	5	4	4	18	21	11	45
6	Scunthorpe	25	6	3	2	24	15	7	2	5	22	19	12	44
7	Stockport	25	5	4	4	19	16	6	4	2	19	10	12	41
8	Huddersfield	26	6	4	4	21	18	5	3	4	15	19	-1	40
9	Leeds	25	6	2	4	23	16	6	1	6	18	17	8	39
10	Tranmere	24	8	1	3	22	13	3	3	6	11	17	3	37
11	Colchester	25	4	3	6	14	14	6	2	4	25	24	1	35
12	Hartlepool	25	6	4	3	28	21	3	1	8	9	19	-3	32
13	Walsall	24	6	0	5	19	18	3	4	6	14	17	-2	31
14	Carlisle	25	7	1	4	25	17	2	3	8	9	21	-4	31
15	Southend	25	6	2	3	14	10	2	5	7	17	31	-10	31
16	Northampton	25	5	6	2	17	11	2	3	7	15	22	-1	30
17	Bristol Rovers	24	5	2	4	23	16	2	6	5	19	23	3	29
18	Swindon	25	3	4	6	19	24	2	5	5	17	21	-9	24
19	Yeovil	25	2	6	5	14	19	3	3	6	9	18	-14	24
20	Brighton	24	2	4	6	15	21	3	4	5	12	15	-9	23
21	Leyton Orient	26	2	4	7	11	19	3	4	6	9	16	-15	23
22	Hereford	24	4	4	4	17	11	1	1	10	5	25	-14	20
23	Cheltenham	24	4	3	5	16	21	1	2	9	11	31	-25	20
24	Crewe	24	4	2	6	16	23	1	2	9	13	26	-20	19

PREVIEW

LEYTON ORIENT
League One
Tuesday, January 28
stadiummk
KO 7.45pm

ORIENT have parted company with Martin Ling and are looking for a new manager.

On top of that they are also involved in the League One relegation scrap.

O's chairman Barry Hearn wants 'someone who has the appetite to get involved with a dogfight' to take up the managerial hot seat.

By the time their trip to stadiummk comes round they may already have that man in place.

Either way the O's need to start picking up the points.

And if the Dons' patchy form of late is anything to go by Orient may look at taking something from stadiummk as a realistic possibility.

But the O's away record is a mixed bag with three wins, four draws and six defeats.

Jason Puncheon is suspended.

VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

MILLWALL's trip to stadiummk, which was scheduled for this Saturday, has been re-arranged.

The game was postponed due to the Lions' progress through to the fourth round of the FA Cup.

It will now take place on Tuesday, March 17, kick-off is at 7.45pm.

FORMER Dons striker Izale McLeod could feature in the game after joining Millwall on loan until the end of the season.

McLeod left the Dons in 2007 for a move to Championship side Charlton but the move has not quite worked out.

He has featured 25 times and when he was sent on loan to Colchester last season a knee ligament injury cut short his stay.

McLeod, the Dons' top scorer with 60 goals in 122 starts, will stay with the Lions until May 2 but it will be extended should they reach the play-offs.

A MUCH improved performance from MK Dons Under-18s could not prevent a 2-0 defeat to their Tottenham Hotspur counterparts.

Last time the Dons played Spurs in the FA Premier Academy League they were thrashed six nil.

Dons may have feared the worst when David Hutton found the net on ten minutes to put Spurs ahead.

However, this was a much closer contest than the last with Daniel Delderfield and Charlie Collins both going close for the Dons.

But Hutton added a second to wrap up the result.

WEST Ham United defender Bondz N'Gala has reflected on his loan spell at stadiummk with fond memories.

The 19-year-old was brought to the Dons for a month long loan in November and made three appearances.

Speaking on the West Ham website, he said: "Going there (MK Dons) was a great experience and it was good to get some regular games under my belt.

"I learnt a lot there about positioning and communication and playing in those games really helped my confidence. "Playing in front of a crowd that big will help my development."

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3-4 time changed as Lightning waltz to win

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING 3
PETERBOROUGH PHANTOMS 4

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MK LIGHTNING 4

HONOURS were shared between local rivals MK Lightning and Peterborough Phantoms as each side won one and lost one during the double-header weekend.

Lightning suffered an overtime defeat at home to the Phantoms but regathered the following day to take the points in the return fixture.

In their first meeting Lightning started brightly with Joakim Wiklander scoring his first goal in front of the Planet Ice crowd on 27 seconds.

Joe Miller responded for Phantoms on 20.31 but a strong second period from Lightning saw goals from Adam Carr and Andre Smulter handing the home side a two goal lead.

Yet Phantoms, who top the English Premier League, fought back to level the scores and take the tie into overtime.

It was in the added time that James Hutchinson netted the killer blow for Peterborough to leave Lightning empty handed.

But Lightning got their revenge with a strong performance at Peterborough which moved them into third place.

Despite Adam Carr putting Lightning ahead on 4.59, the scores were even at the end of the first period.

Lukas Zatopek had two assists against Peterborough Phantoms

Pic Jez Tibbets

In a similar pattern to the first game, Lightning were able to add to the score line in the second period with Smulter netting a hat-trick.

The forward netted on 24.04, 27.40 and 34.26 for superb ten minute hat-trick which looked to have clinched the win.

Yet Phantoms managed to come back from 4-1 down to within a goal of Lightning in the final period.

This time Lightning held onto their lead and took two points.

ELSEWHERE, the club have announced a testimonial match for player-coach Nick Poole will take place at the end of the season.

Poole has been with Lightning for ten years, in that time he has won four play-off trophies and two league trophies. The date is yet to be confirmed.

■ THERE is also good news for Lightning's Lewis Christie who was part of GB under-20s side to win silver at the World Junior Championships in Spain.

■ ON Saturday Lightning are at home to Romford Raiders, face-off 7pm, then on Sunday they travel to Sheffield Scimitars, face-off 5.30pm.

BASKETBALL

Lions bounce back after bashing

LONDON CAPITAL 84
Knight 22, James 21, Mills 12

MK LIONS 92
Brown 20, Eddie 20, Obazuaye 20

TWO more victories will see MK Lions through to the BBL Trophy semi-finals.

The Lions recorded a hard-earned win at London Capital to keep their cup destiny in their own hands.

Capital stand in the way again this weekend and should Lions emerge victorious they will then need to beat Guildford Heat by an 11-point margin to progress to the next stage.

Defeat was never an option for Lions who were looking to bounce back from their worst loss in eight years.

Vince Macaulay's side showed their intent from the offset with a strong start helping them to a thirteen point lead.

They dominated with a 15-0 run while Tommie Eddie's ten points and Terrell Brown's nine were vital to the Lions holding a 20-33 advantage at the break.

Capital rose to the plate in the second period while the Lions struggled to continue their good work from the opening.

In fact Lions were limited to just ten points in ten minutes as Capital pulled back the deficit with a burst of eleven unanswered points helping the home side claw back to 40-43 at the half-way stage.

The two teams remained toe-to-toe in the third quarter with 23 points apiece but it meant Lions retained their slender three point leading heading into the final ten minutes.

When an unsportsmanlike foul was called on Dru Spinks it allowed Capital to draw level in the game for the first time.

The home side converted their free-throws then followed up with two three-points for a single digit lead.

But a late score from Brown put the Lions back in front, and they continued in good scoring form to seal the win from the free-throw line.

Speaking afterwards, Macaulay said: "We're just trying to focus on the next match and keep our season on track. They (London) know us well and always play well against us, so this is a tough place to come."

Lions will hope that victory comes a little easier on Friday.

■ LIONS host Capital at Bletchley Leisure Centre on Friday, tip-off 7.30pm, and travel to Guildford Heat on Sunday, tip-off 3pm.

Olney are left with hangover after unhappy 2009 opener

LOCAL RUGBY

SOUTH WEST TWO EAST DIVISION

OLNEY'S first game of the New Year ended in heavy defeat to Cheltenham.

The game as a contest was effectively over when the clock reached 18 minutes and Cheltenham had already racked up 22 points.

Cheltenham, the hosts, rattled off two tries, one conversion and a penalty early on before Olney looked to be racing to the try line to reply.

But Olney lost possession, a costly error as Cheltenham sped down field to extend their lead to 22 points to nil.

A penalty soon after from Dave Terry handed Olney their first points of the game, yet moments later they were reduced to 14 men when Ollie Brackenbury's try-saving efforts were deemed as killing the ball.

Once again Olney handed Cheltenham a try as the hosts ran in another interception to extend their advantage.

Kevin Smith regained some pride for Olney before the break when he went over in the corner to take the scores at half-time to 29-8.

However, any hope of an Olney comeback were swiftly ended as Cheltenham ran in three quick tries to eventually win 46-8.

■ THE long break did little wonders for Bletchley who also lost their first match in 2009.

Their guests Swanage and Wareham looked fired up for the match but Bletchley failed to provide them with strong competition.

Swanage's first try of the afternoon came on ten minutes and was followed up with penalty.

Bletchley then paid the price for poor handling when they surrendered possession as Swanage extended their advantage to 15 points.

Their number eight then added to Bletchley's misery with a late try to leave the hosts trailing 22 points to nil at half-time.

When Bletchley substitute Rob Brown dived over to post their first score it proved to be too late as Swanage added two more tries to take the victory.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES NORTH

MILTON Keynes extended their unbeaten run to ten games with victory over Slough.

Five separate players ran in tries as MK recorded an impressive 40-40 win.

Daniel Pearson, Daniel Walker, Phil Powell, Stuart Tomkinson and Terence Woodhall all cross the line for MK.

Fifteen points came from the boot of Andy White who kicked three penalties and three conversions.

Slough were unable to add the conversions to their two tries.

MK remain level at the top with Buckingham.

SPORTSSHORTS

Local football

NEW Bradwell St Peter are fourth in division one of the Molten Spartan South Midlands league following a 3-0 win over Arlesey Athletic.

Buckingham Athletic are having a miserable time this season and remain marooned at the bottom of the table.

They lost 2-0 to Stony Stratford Town who are tenth.

Meanwhile, Winslow United shared the points with Kings Langley as the sides drew 1-1.

In division two Old Bradwell United continue to struggle at the wrong end of the table.Bradwell lost 2-1 at home to Risborough Rangers.

Elsewhere, in the United Counties Premier League Newport Pagnell extended their unbeaten record with a 3-0 victory at Willen Road over Sleadford.

Last night they were due to play second-placed Stotfold.

Daytona 24-hour race

DAYTONA is set to host a 24-hour race at its Milton Keynes track.

Following the success of the 2008 24-hour DMax race at Wembley Stadium, Daytona have announced the same race will take place in MK on May, 2 and 3 and places on the grid are available to book now for £2,500 plus VAT.

Call 0845 644 5504 to book.

Silverstone bags MotoGP

LOCAL motorsport fans still reeling from the news that Formula One is moving to Donington Park will be happy to hear MotoGP is heading to Silverstone.

The British stage of the popular motorbike racing tournament is set to move to the Northamptonshire track from 2010.

Silverstone will host it's last Formula One race this season.

Eight time World Champion Valentino Rossi and Brit James Toseland could be some of the stars on show.

Silverstone already hosts the British Super Bikes.

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Gueret the hero despite blunder

PETERBOROUGH UNITED 0
MK DONS 0
League One
London Road

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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MK Dons played out their first goalless draw of the season with local rivals Peterborough United last night.

The teams have met 11 times in the past five years and this was the first stalemate between them.

Posh could have won the game had it not been for the great form of Willy Gueret who pulled off a string of brilliant saves, most notably from George Boyd.

While Craig Mackail-Smith was left to rue the evening when his shooting boots appeared to be missing.

Dons did not have their usual swagger in front of goal but Sam Baldock did go close on a number of occasions.

A point apiece for the high-flying sides would have been music to the ears for the remaining promotion pushers in League One.

Roberto Di Matteo returned to his 4-5-1 formation by dropping Mark Wright in place of Luke Howell while Baldock moved to wide right.

And Baldock looked comfortable in his new position early on when he broke down field on the ninth minute to create the Dons' first attempt.

Baldock burst through the right of the field, reached the by-line and cut back for Peter Leven who was denied by Joe Lewis.

Willy Gueret was also in early action though saves from Dean Keates and George Boyd, both results of free-kicks, were comfortable.

It was a last ditch tackle by Sean O'Hanlon that proved more important as the defender prevented Mackail-Smith firing in from six-yards.

Charlie Lee showed his long throw-in was a useful weapon as he launched the ball into the 18-yard-box, which fell straight at Gueret who juggled in front of Mackail-Smith before finally securing his hold.

Both sides were sticking to their standard attacking style but neither had too many clear cut chances.

Dons' produced good balls at the corners while Posh were fast on the counterattack.

Posh finished the first-half with a fluffy of chances including a brilliant chip by Boyd which produced a world class save from Gueret.

Dons' keeper appeared to be in no-mans-land when he somehow pushed the ball away for Shaun Cummings to clear, though Posh seemed sure the defender had used his arm.

Aaron Mclean then headed straight down Gueret's throat.

The second-half continued in the similar end-to-end manner but the game continued to be interrupted by the referee's intervention.

But openings were still being created and the Dons came close once again to breaking the deadlock.

Baldock, hugging the touchline, picked up a terrific diagonal cross before cutting inside and sharing a one-two with Leven.

Once in a central position the striker drove a low ball through the Peterborough defenders but Lewis was always comfortable with the shot.

On the hour-mark Luke Chadwick made a shock return from injury in place of Johnson for his first appearance since signing a permanent deal with the Dons.

As the game became stretched the more it looked like the first team to score would win.

Mackail-Smith had an effort go wide of the post when really he should have found the target.

Then Wilbraham had a close range strike closed down by the impressive Gabriel Zakuani.

Moments later back down the other end Boyd's powerful left-foot forced another fine punch away from Gueret.

Just after demonstrating his skills as a keeper Gueret raced 30-yards in a vain attempt to cut off Mackail-Smith who had raced up field alone.

Somehow the Dons defenders managed to recover in time to push Posh's striker wide and kill his opportunity at an open goal.

Two minutes from time Mackail-Smith had his head in his hands when his chance to steal a win flashed wide.

Posh's top-scorer sent Mclean's cross across the box but past the post.

An entertaining night of football and the Dons will be happy to have chipped a point off Leicester City's lead at the top.

PETERBOROUGH UNITED: Lewis, Martin (c), Morgan, Morgan, Lee, Mclean, Boyd, Keates, Mackail-Smith, Coutts, Whelpdale (Batt 69), Zakuani. Booked: Morgan, Whelpdale
MK DONS: Gueret, Cummings, O'Hanlon, Llera (Stirling 61), Lewington (c), Baldock, Navarro, Howell, Leven, Johnson (Chadwick 61), Wilbraham. Booked: Llera, Chadwick, Navarro
Referee: Mr Graham Salisbury (Lancashire)
Attendance: 8,982 (1,108 away)

Miguel Llera gets in among the Peterborough defenders last night

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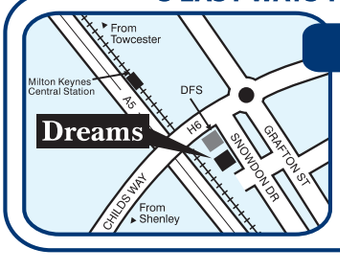

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